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50 YEARS OF GARDENERS' QUESTION



Australia

THE judge trying two British nurses accused of murder in

Saudi Arabia yesterday made

an impassioned appeal to the victim's family not to demand

the death sentence. He gave

the family three weeks to

consider the court's request

and adjourned the trial until

Lawyers for the two nurses.

Deborah Parry and Lucy

McLauchlan, were delighted

by the intervention, which has

now raised hopes for elemency

less than a week after they

Salah Hejailan, one of the

lawyers, said last night: "This

is an excellent outcome. The

women were in court and were

extremely pleased. They are

pleading their innocence and

we are confident that they will

The judge at al-Khobar Supreme Court broke with

tradition and urged the broth-er of staff nurse Yvonne

Gilford to "accept as a princi-ple that it may be possible to

reach a conciliatory settle-ment. According to Saudi

law, that would mean accept-

ing "blood money" from the

accused's family instead of

execution, which would be a minimum of about £10,000.

Mr Hejailan added: "The two nurses are refusing to ask

for forgiveness because they

are innocent. They are there-

fore not going to offer any kind

of money. If the Gilford family

persist with their demand for

the death penalty this will not

please the judge who cannot understand why they are ask-

ing for something that is not

allowed in the Christian

Defence lawyers believe

that the evidence against the

two women is flawed because

it hinges on an alleged lesbian

religion.

mid-June.

went on trial.

get a fair trial."

Saudi judge

urges 'blood

money' deal

for nurses

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

AND JOANNA BALE



relationship between them

denied by the two nurses and

the family of the deceased and

this is consistent with the

accounts of friends and asso-

ciates, both inside and outside

Saudi Arabia. If we succeed in

establishing any doubt about

the evidence then there will be

no death penalty if the family persists with it. He can either

set them free or imprison them

that he had yet to consider the

evidence, the Islamic court is

concerned that passing the

McLaughlan, left, and

diplomatic relations with Brit

the Saudi judicial system as barbaric, the judge declared:

"this case is an appropriate

occasion to acquaint the non-

Muslim world with the basic

characteristics of Sharia (Is-

lamic) law in healing wounds

and in ensuring fairness be-

According to a statement released by the defence law-

yers, the judge added that the

procedure to "be followed would be in accordance

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tween disputing parties."

Aware that parts of the British media have portraved

ain to breaking point.

While the judge emphasised

for manslaughter."

Mr Hejailan explained: The lesbian aspect has been

and Ms Gilford.

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Blair will have more talks with **Thatcher**

TONY BLAIR will hold further consultations with Baroness Thatcher after the success of their first lengthy political discussion, it was disclosed last night. As the Prime Minister prepares

for a round of summit conferences, including meetings this week with President Yeltsin and President Clinton, senior aides said that he had struck up a good personal rapport during a wide-ranging one-hour chat with Lady Thatcher in Downing Street's White Room.

One said: She has a remarkable experience of world affairs and is someone worth listening to. She has a mind worth picking and he wants to see her again."

The disclosure of their meeting

 praised by Conservative and Labour MPs, as well as the former Prime Minister, Lord Callaghan of Cardiff - came as it was confirmed yesterday that Mr Clinton is to spend six hours with Mr Blair in London on Thursday.

The trip has been extended at the President's request. He is to be accorded the rare honour of addressing a full meeting of Mr Blair's Cabinet, after which they will hold talks covering Europe, world affairs. Bosnia and then Northern Ireland.

They may attend other functions together in London in the afternoon. Cherie Blair and Hillary Clinton will also meet for the first

Mr Blair has long admired Lady Thatcher's decisive leadership. His decision to consult her will be seen as further evidence of his presidential style. In America it is routine for serving Presidents to consult their predecessors in office. Mr Blair has already called on John Major's experience, talking to him the night before he delivered his speech in Belfast trying to unlock the logjam of the Northern Ireland peace process.

The meeting with Lady Thatcher took place on Thursday at 6 pm, on the eve of Mr Blair's first appearance on the European stage at the Noordwijk summit in The Netherlands last Friday.

The timing was coincidental. Mr Blair had met Lady Thatcher at a function when he was Leader of the Opposition and invited her to come to see him if he won. Soon after the election Downing Street contacted her office and the meet-

Surprise lead

for Left in

French poll

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

THE French Left outstripped the

prospect of a hung parliament.

In a stinging rebuke to President Chiarc, who gambled on a snap

election, and to the Government of Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, the coalition was trailing, with 36.8 per cent, to 44 per cent for the

combined Left, according to last

night's exit polls. The National

Front was set to make further

electoral progess, with about 15 per

The final result will be known after a run-off next Sunday be-

ween candidates with at least

12.5 per cent of the registered vote.

Voter apathy, page 11

cent of the vote.

ing was set up. Both sides accepted that news of the meeting would emerge and Lady Thatcher was driven through the main Downing Street gates to her former home. She and Mr Blair spoke about Europe, the transatiantic relation-

ship, Russia and Hong Kong. Friends of Lady Thatcher said that she was glad to have been asked for her advice, and revealed that she had also been welldisposed towards Mr Blair because of his courtesy towards her. "They wanted a tête-a-tête and that is what they will have in future," sources revealed.

Mr Blair is ready to seek advice from all quarters on his foreign policy. He has a busy period ahead, including attending a Nato-Russia summit in Paris tomorrow, and the Amsterdam and the Group of Seven economic summits next month.

Mr Cliriton appears to be as eager about Thursday's meeting as Mr Blair. He has told aides that he wants to have "some fun" London and is expected to become a tourist in the afternoon. Mr Clinton was the first world leader to congratulate Mr Blair on his election victory.

Lord Callaghan said yesterday the meeting was a good idea. He had had a substantial conversation with Mr Major on international and domestic affairs shortly after Mr Major became Prime Minister.

Rhodri Morgan, Labour MP for Cardiff West, said Mr Blair's meeting with Lady Thatcher would send a tough message to Europe. I think probably Tony Blair means the other European prime ministers and presidents to get the message and the message is, whereas he wants to be very positive and European and not be isolated, there will be the occasional swing of the handbag," he said on BBC Radio 4.

Gerald Howarth, a former parliamentary private secretary to Lady Thatcher and now Tory MP for Aldershot, said on The World This Weekend: "If the Prime Minister has decided to take advantage of the experience and advice available from Lady Thatcher, all I can say to that is

William Rees-Mogg, page 18 Leading article, page 19



Pregnant Lynne Kelly strolling in Edinburgh yesterday with her 18-month-old daughter, Hazel. Her husband, James, hopes the House of Lords will force her to give birth to his child although she wants an abortion. Page 3

England's cricketers go from zero to hero

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND's cricketers, the subject of national derision when they lost a one-day series in Zimbabwe ruling centre-right coalition in the first round of the parliamentary elections yesterday, bucking poll-sters' predictions and raising the only five months ago, yesterday completed a remarkable clean sweep of the Texaco Trophy international series against Australia with a four-wicket victory at Lord's. They also unveiled a poten-

tial new hero and role model. Just when the Australians had seen and heard quite enough of Adam Hollioake, who is making a habit of hitting the winning runs against them, England introduced them to his younger brother. Ben Hollioake, at 19 the youngest England cricketer for almost half a century, hit 63 from 48 balls on his debut and received a standing ovation from the capacity crowd.

The younger Hollioake, so new to top-class cricket that he had never even visited Lord's, made his runs with a series of clean,

uncomplicated blows matched by a sequence of dazzling grins. It all served to enrage the Australians. not least because both Hollioakes

were born in Melbourne. Adam Hollioake was named the England man of the series but he admitted of his brother's innings: "It was a bit embarrassing, having to follow that."

Mark Taylor, the beleagured Australian captain, left himself out vesterday, fuelling speculation that he may stand down from the leadership if his form does not improve before the first of six Tests next week. Steve Waugh took over, leading a side that no longer seemed to believe they could win. The bookmakers, meanwhile, responded by cutting the odds against England winning the Ashes from 13-2 to 5-1.

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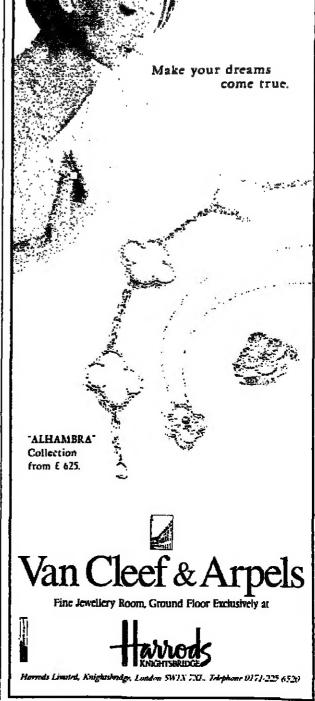
Iran euphoria over new President

The new President of Iran is a moderate churchman. His election victory over Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani could herald a turning point in the country's

Islamic revolution.
Sayed Mohammad Khatami, a former Culture Minister. won nearly four times as many votes as his challenger. It is the biggest political upset since Ayatollah Khomeini ousted the pro-American Shah, and diplomats reported a mood of euphoric relief and incredulity at the scale of the ... Pages 13, 19 triumph.

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Tougher A levels delayed in plan for wider curriculum

government are likely to be delayed by a year as new ministers pursue plans for a broader sixth-form curriculum which would lead to a British version of the bacca-

Schools and colleges are already preparing for the re-vised A-level courses, which are due to begin in September. Ministers are, however; concerned that the biggest shakeup of the examination in 10 years will fail to deliver the sort of education they want.

Instead, they are working on a version of the French baccalaureate, which would become the basis of university entry. Students would be required to take a variety of subjects, rather than the three A levels which are today's

Vocational qualifications. which might include restyled "applied A levels", would be on a par with academic courses in the new system. David Blunkers, the Education and Employment Secretary, is, and standard of job-related. A levels. courses to help boost the



Blunkett; wants to widen curriculum

vative proposals, derived from Sir Ron Dearing's review of qualifications for the to-19 age encourage sixthformers to take a wider range of subjects to qualify for a new Advanced Diploma. Re-vamped, one-year AS levels would enable students to embark on a range of subjects after GCSE before deciding determined to raise the status . which to convert into tougher

The Labour administration

Decision on tuition fees not yet taken

BY JOHN O'LEARY

MINISTERS are yet to be charging university students sources said yesterday.

Labour announced almost a year ago that it would require students to pay more towards. the cost of their education. The money saved on maintenance. grants would help fund further expansion of further and . higher education.

However, David Blunkert the Education and Employment Secretary, is awaiting the recommendations of Sir Ron Dearing's review of higher education before deciding whether the principle of free breached. The inquiry, which. will produce options on future funding and student support.

is due to report in July. Buroness Blackstone, the said before the election, as

Master of Birkbeck College. persuaded of the case for London, that she believed tuition fées would be necesfor tuition, government sary to meet a growing funding gap in universities. But since taking office she has emphasised that the Government remains to be convinced of the case.

Among the options under consideration by Sir Ron is the transfer of part of the cost of tuition to the student through learning accounts, which would be repaid in National Insurance contributions. As with existing student loans, repayment would start when a graduate reached a set proportion of national average

Government sources vesterday discounted a report that full cost of tuition, which would leave graduates with Higher Education Minister. debts of at least £15,000 for tuiton alone.

fears that the diploma will be ignored by leading universi-ties, and many sixth-formers will continue to specialise too narrowly. A new framework would require students to take both arts and science subjects, as well as a foreign language, and give them equal credit for vocational courses.

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· Initial proposals to reopen the debate on sixth-form qualifications met resistance from Downing Street, where officials are nervous of any sugges-tion that Labour is devaluing the "gold standard" of A level. But, with many schools already complaining that the timetable for introducing the new courses is too tight. a delay to allow further consult-

tioniis seen as acceptable. Mr Blunkett said in a postelection interview: "Our task is to look at the curriculum and make it coherent so that there is a new rigour and momentum," Labour sources confirmed yesterday that he was still considering how to broaden A levels and make vocational qualifications more

The Education Secretary may use a speech on Friday at National Association of Head Teachers conference in Scarborough to sketch out his plans. A motion to be debated on Wednesday, reaffirming the union's existing policy, is close to Labour thinking. The motion, drafted by the

union's national council, calls for the Advanced Diploma to be developed into a "broader and more flexible 16-19 package, which would enable it to become a requirement for entry to higher education". It suggests a year's delay, while work continues on bringing together academic and vocational courses, giving schools time to prepare for the changes to A and AS level.

David Hart, the NAHT's ineral secretary said yesterday: "I certainly hope the Government is thinking along the lines we recommend because some of their predecessors' ideas are going to make things worse rather than better. I do not think that by moving to a compulsory broadening of the curriculum bringing us into line with our more successful neighbours, there is any danger of water-

ing down standards."

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Sarwar's lawyer rejects new claim about cash handover

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

FRESH claims about the Glasgow Govan MP Mohammed Sarwar's alleged attempt to bribe a rival election candidate have been denounced as

defamatory by his solicitor. Chris Kelly, for Mr Sarwar, claimed that a key witness quoted by the News of the World yesterday as being present at the cash handover had voiced his firm belief in Mr Sarwar's innocence.

Mr Sarwar, Britain's first Muslim MP. is being investiover allegations that he gave Badar Islam, an Independent Labour candidate, £5,000 to run a losing campaign. He is expected to face questioning this week. Fraud squad detectives are also investigating.

The News of the World alleged yesterday that Tariq Malik, Mr Islam's election agent, had witnessed the handover during a meeting held in Mr Sarwar's Mercedes. He was reported to have said that the moment he

saw the carrier-bag of cash he

knew it was "corrupt and illegal". The newspaper also published transcripts of what it said was a taped conversation between Mr Sarwar and Mr his rival to manufacture evidence to smear other political

opponents in Govan. But yesterday Mr Kelly. flanked by Mr Sarwar, read out a statement in which he claimed to have a sworn

affidavit from Mr Malik where he denied making any of the statements attributed to

him by the newspaper. Mr Kelly went on to say that Mr Malik said he was present at the meetings between Mr Sarwar and Mr Islam. "He affirms his belief in Mr Sarwar's innocence."

Earlier this week Mr Sarwar claimed he had given Mr Islam the money as a loan and not as a bribe. He is suing the News of the World.

said that the latest claims would be submitted to its own inquiry, which was set up by the National Executive Committee last Wednesday, and is expected to report within the

Clarke wins support in leadership fight

Renneth Clarke's low-profile campaign for the Tory leadership received two important boosts yesterday. He was supported by Sir Bryan Nicholson, a former head of the CBI, who warned Tory MPs in a letter that choosing a right-wing leader would damage the party's relations with the business community. At the same time, friends of Michael Heseltine indicated that they expected him to announce his support for the former Chancellor — an old friend and close former Cabinet ally on Europe — but that he was determined to "choose the right moment" to do so.

With the first ballot only just over two weeks away, John Redwood yesterday, issued what he called a "wake up"

warning to the country over the the new Treaty on Europe expected to be signed at Amsterdam neat month. He said that he was now convinced that it was "the final blueprint for a new country and new government called Europe".

There is a widespread expectation that Mr Clarke will do well in the first and second ballots as the right-wing vote splits between Peter Likey, Michael Howard, Mr Redwood and William Hague. It is also argued that Mr Clarke would then struggle in the final run-off if Tory rightwingers then fell in behind the leading candidate of the Right.

Economic confidence up

Economic confidence has jumped to its highest level for more than four years following the election, according to a MORI Financial Services survey of consumer attitudes

(Peter Riddell writes).

MORI has calculated an index from questions asked each month about the economic optimism of the public, fear of redundancy among those in work and the number who say they are unemployed. The "mood of the nation" index has risen from 136 to 145 this month, continuing a sharp upward trend this year. This reflects increased confidence in the economy, greater personal security, and falling unemployment. The release of windfall payments to building society depositors might also play a part.

MP's father electrocuted

The father of a Conservative MP has been killed trying to save his dog from a garden pond that had become electrified. William Collins, 67, whose son Timothy is the MP for Westmorland and Lonsdale, was found floating next to his golden labrador in the pond at his farm near Epping, Essex, on Saturday. His gardener pulled him from the water, but Mr Collins died on the way to hospital.

Coalition crisis meeting

Bertie Ahern, the Fianna Fail leader, held a crisis meeting in Dublin yesterday with his prospective coalition partner. Mary Harney of the Progressive Democrats caused outrage within Fianna Fail last week by suggesting changes in benefit for single mothers and 25,000 public sector job cuts. An opinion poll yesterday showed the Fianna Fall/Progressive Democrats lend down to four points.

Race warning ignored

Last month's Grand National was re-run in spite of police receiving an IRA bomb warning threatening the safety of spectators who were at Aintree, Merseyside Police said sterday. Police were able to search the location named in the telephone call before the re-arranged pace, there was no bomb. The authenticated telephone warning had not been made direct to Merseyaide Police.

Flying Squad reprieved

Scotland Yard's Flying Squad has been reprieved and given the additional role of investigating commercial robberies. The Metropolitan Police squad, commonly known as the Sweeney and traditionally responsible for investigating serious armed robbery in London, was faced with the possibility of being cut under a review. No final decisions have been taken on the staffing levels or funding.

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Bouncing bomb relic

A miniature dam, which helped Barnes Wallis to create his bouncing bomb during the Second World War, is threatened by development at the Building Research Station at Garston, near Watford. Members of the Barnes Wallis Memorial Trust hope to move the dam, which is 3ft tall, 42ft long and 2ft wide at its base, to the Yorkshire Air Museum in Elvington, near York.

Climber killed in fall

An experienced woman climber died when scaling a rock face without safety ropes on a trip with friends. The woman, in her twenties, from London, who has not yet been named. may have struck the cliff face as she fell 200ft into the sea near Penzance. Cornwall, on Saturday evening. Three friends were near by but were not climbing with her. She was picked up 500yd out to sea by a Royal Navy helicopter.

Early change on pension rules for divorcees likely

EARLY legislation that could mean. divorcees taking half of their former spouse's pension is being drawn up by the Government.

Ministers have decided to implement swiftly the pension-splitting proposals that were forced on the former Conservative government last year after rebel Tories lined up with

Earlier this year the Department of Social Security published a White Paper that would allow pensions to he split 50-50 on divorce - but it said that complex amendments to tax and

would be unlikely to happen before

The new Government has a crowded first legislative session, with up to-30 measures in the Queen's speech ten days ago. At its meeting last Thursday the Cabinet agreed to underline its commitment to seven more measures by deciding to publish draft Bills during the next few months. They include the pension-splitting measure, a Freedom of Information Bill. and proposals for a Food Standards Agency, promised in the wake of the BSE and E.coli

The Bills will go out for full

consultation, a process aimed at speeding their passage when they are hmught forward. Labour sources hope that if the Bill goes through in the 1998-99 session the changes can come into force earlier than expected.

More than 170,000 couples divorce each year. Under the Bill, pensions will effectively be regarded as another asset to be considered when it comes to a financial settlement between the two divorcing parties. But it will not be compulsory and the split does not have to be exactly 50:50. The value of divorcing parties' pensions at the time the divorce is

announced would be calculated by the pension scheme's provider. Di-

Continued from page 1 to the spirit and dictates of Islam which

are relevant to settling cases and disputes

between non Muslims living in the

The victim's brother, Frank Gilford, an

Australian taxi driver, has so far refused

to show any compassion for the accused.
If convicted, the two nurses face public

beheading. Both women, who have been

arriving shapided at the court under heavy police guard, pleaded not guilty to-killing Ms Gilford. Her body was found

on December II on the floor of her flat in

the King Fahd Military medical complex

where all three lived and worked. She had

their own separate pension rights from the assets built up by their partners. Courts must already trade pensions against other assets, such as the matrimonial home. But thousands of former spouses, mainly women, face difficulties in retirement when they are divorced with no pension rights of their own.

Judge urges 'blood money' deal

The defendants say that Ms Gilford's

credit cards were planted on them and

that they were made to sign false

confessions under duress from police

interrogators who, they claim, stripped them naked, sexually harrassed them and threatened to rape them. They retracted

the admissions soon after being charged

with murder but the Saudi prosecutor

read them out when the trial opened. . . Their lawyers yesterday presented 18 pages of legal submissions detailing

complaints by the nurses that their alleged confessions had been made under "duress, misrepresentation and promises

Gordon Brown has been forced to give up hopes of bringing in his first Budget as early as June 10. Sources close to the Chancellor accepted vesterday that the package would not be ready in time, although they denied that the delay had been

vorce courts would be able to to order

pension schemes to give divorcees

fall tax on the privatised utilities by which Mr Brown intends to raise up to £5 billion for his plan to take 250,000 youngsters off welfare and

According to Treasury officials the proposals are ready to be unveiled, but they say that work is still proceeding on the National Audit Office assessment of public spending and that Mr Brown will want to see that before he makes his final judgments. Their remarks will increase speculation that Mr Brown is planning wider-ranging changes on tax than indicated in the run-up to the

McLauchlan, 31, will present their twn

accounts of how their alleged confessions

were obtained by Saudi interrogators at a

lawyers, alleged their clothes were re-moved and they were made to stand

naked for hours without sleep. The police

fondled their breasts and some men-started to unzip their trousers, threaten-ing to rape them. They were also lied to that if they confessed they would be

released and repatriated because as

Christians they were not subject to Saudi's Islamic law, Mr Dark said.

Michael Dark, one of their four

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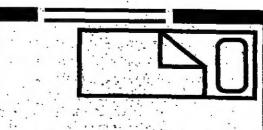
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Abortion row wife returns to parents

THE pregnant woman whose estranged husband is fighting to stop her having an abortion came out of hiding yesterday. Lynne Kelly, 21, took a stroll with her parents and her 18-month-old daughter. Hazel after the family resolved to resume a normal life despite the legal action.

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Mrs Kelly, who is 14 weeks: pregnant, refused to answer questions and smiled shyly when asked how she felt. She fled to England last week but returned to her parents' home in Edinburgh late on

The Scottish courts ruled against Mrs Kelly's husband, James, 28, last week but he Thopes to persuade the House of Lords to force her to have his child.

Mrs. Kelly's father, John Falconer, said earlier yester-day that his daughter was "as well as can be expected", adding: "We have decided we are not going to run away and hide. Today my family will be going about their normal business. But no comment will be made by any of us."

Mr Falconer, 42, said that his grand-daughter, Hazel, was the main reason behind the decision to return to normality. I have never been through anything like this before and I hope I never will again. In the fullness of time there will be a statement made but no comment at the

Mrs Kelly sought a termination II days ago after an primonious split from her husband several weeks before. The courts have been told that Mr Kelly was convicted of assaulting his wife and threw her out of their home.

She has won every stage in the legal battle so far. Four judges have upheld her right to have an abortion, but she still cannot go ahead with it legally. On Saturday Mr Kelly, a roofer from Inverkeithing. Fife, won the right to appeal to the House of Lords in an effort to stop his wife going ahead with the abortion. Lord Cullen, sitting with Lords McCluskey and Wylie, refused to lift the abortion ban until it was known whether the House of Lords would hear Mr Kelly's appeal. The

Lords' decision may be made

on Tuesday.



Sebastian Marcelin-Rice, who has become the first ballroom dancer in history to be awarded a full Blue, and his dancing partner. Jasna Ruzdjic, who is also expected to receive a Blue

Student wins first full Blue for dancing

Ruth Gledhill reports on a sporting triumph in the ballroom

continental student match near

A STUDENT at Oxford University has become the first ballroom dancer in history to be awarded a full

The award of a Blue to Sebastian Marcelin-Rice, 22, gives dancing a status comparable with traditional Blues sports such as rugby and rowing at a time that many still question its sporting credentials. The award also strengthens the case for dancing as an Olympic sport.

Although male dancers at Oxford quality only for a half-Blue, Mr Marcelin-Rice, who is studying psy-chology and philosophy at Exeter College, has been awarded an extraordinary full-Blue because of his exceptional performance on the

dance floor in the recent Varsity and this year won the national match. Women at Oxford also qualify for full-Blues, but Mr student contest. They travel the country to dance team-matches Marcelin-Rice has been awarded his against other universities and won blue first simply because the Oxford the jive contest in the recent inter-

the women's committee. His part-Weymouth. Several Oxford students have ner, Jasna Ruzdjic, 26, from Bosnia, who is studying mathematics at St Peter's, is also expected to be awarded a full-Blue. done well at amateur level on the open circuit, where Mr Marcelin-Rice is already making a name for himself and his partner against couples, many of which have been Mr Marcelin-Rice did not begin dancing until he reached Oxford. Two years later, he and his partner dancing since the age of 12 or 13. won the South of England universi-

Mr Marcelin-Rice, who has also competed for his college rugby team,

said that the award was personally satisfying after the hours of work he had put in. "On a more general level it is an important turning-point in the way the world perceives dancing," he said. "Until now, the other sports have never really considered us a true sport at university. By awarding this Blue, they are saying we are on the same level as rugby.

rowing and cricket." Matthew Buck, spokesman for the Oxford team, said: "We are hoping this will set a precedent and we will be able to claim more blues in future. It shows the Blues committee is viewing dance sport in a completely different way."

Vicky Cunniffe, the teacher and adjudicator who coaches the Oxford Latin team, said: "Sebastian is a showman and a very good competitor. They work very hard and have done very well. Art and sport are not mutually exclusive and I believe dancing is an artistic sport. Like other sports, there is a lot of sweat. But it does not have to be all dirty and muddy to be a sport."

The award comes as more than 1.300 couples from 45 countries besides Britain take to the floor in the British Open Championships at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, this

Woman 'too old to buy on credit'

By Alexandra Frean

A CONSUMER credit company told a 72-year-old widow that she could not buy furniture under a two-year hirepurchase agreement because she might die before the payments had been com-

Catherine Gillespie arranged to buy a £1,000 three-piece suite from a furniture shop in Nottingham. Although the sale had been agreed, a salesman from the store later relephoned Mrs Gillespie to say that her request for interest-free credit had been turned down by the finance company, Chartered Trust

Mrs Gillespie said: "I was absolutely furious. I am very fit and I do a lot of gardening and walking. I have no intention of dying in the next two years. There are eight million pensioners in the UK who contribute a great deal to our country. We should be allowed to buy things on credit if we want to," she said.

Age Concern accused Char-tered Trust of "utter ageism". A spokeswoman said: "To make a decision like that on the basis of age alone is blatant discrimination. They should have looked at her ability to pay and then, if they were worried that something might happen to her, they should have looked at her family situation. If someome dies with outstanding debts. then their estate has to pay."

There is no official "cut-off" age for hire-purchase agreements and insurance policies. but there is nothing in the Consumer Credit Act that forbids lenders from discriminating on the basis of age.

After hearing of Mrs Gillespie's complaint, David Gow. executive director of Chartered Trust, apologised. "A member of staff at our local branch decided the lady did not qualify on age grounds. But that was a mistake on our part and she can have her three-piece suite on interestfree credit," he said.

Mr Gow conceded that elderly customers were often more reliable payers than yonger people, because they had fewer financial commitments. Mrs Gillespie said she would buy her suite from

Italy honours English hero who saved a wartime baby

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN SUIO, ITALY

ITALIANS paid tribute in style yesterday to a humble "Tommy", Ernie Foster, who at the age of 19 saved the life of a newborn baby in a moun-tain village under a bombard-"We didn't expect all this," said his widow. Sylvia, wiping

away tears under a scorching sun in the main square of Suio, a heat-drenched village between Naples and Rome. "My family is very, very proud. Ernie would have looked up and said, I don't know what they're doing all have been especially proud."-Mrs Foster sat through a solemn open air Mass in the square and more than an hour of speeches from local notables paying tribute to the chance. Hampshire Regiment private, although she admitted she did not understand very much of what they said. "As long as 1. didnt faint, that was the main thing." Mrs Foster said afterwards with relief. It was all very moving, if only I could have understood the lan-

She was talking about the tributes paid to her husband who, as a 19-year-old from Bedhampton, was scouting

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village, being pounded by German artillery in February 1944. Unwittingly, he became a hero recognised internationally only after his death in

"Jerry was throwing bits and pieces over and I was in an alleyway in a little village when I saw a woman running from one house to another dodging the fire," he recalled before he died. "She fell and i ran to her in the street. She died in my arms of severe chest wounds; and as her arms went limp a wrapped-up bundle of a baby boy rolled out of her grasp. He was bleeding from a shoulder and was hit in another couple of places, but he was yelling so I thought the nipper had a

"I ran with him a quarter of a mile to a field ambulance, and I won't forget the look on that ambulanceman's face when I planked the baby in his

The baby lived, and yesterday, aged 54, he thanked the British infantryman who saved his life. He was an honest soldier with healthy ethics who saw me and took me in his arms," Alessandro Lefano told an emotional from an observation post in a crowd of 500 people gathered



men's blues committee met before

ties Latin American competition,

Lefano, the man her husband saved as a baby

in the village square. "I was covered in blood but he was to become a second father for me, bringing so much joy and

Signor Lefano broke down and cried into the microphone. "Ernest came to me to stay in my home twice a year," Signor Lefano recalled. "I know he will not come to find me again. But I know he will always be with me as a second father."

The streets of the mountain village were decked with Union flags and Italian tricolours to pay tribute to Mr Foster. Lance Corporal Steve Cook, a 25-year-old bugler from the Royal Regiment of the Princess of Wales, played Last Post, bringing more tears to the eyes of Mrs Foster, as a wreath was laid in her husband's memory in the presence of an honour guard. Girls in gaily coloured peas-

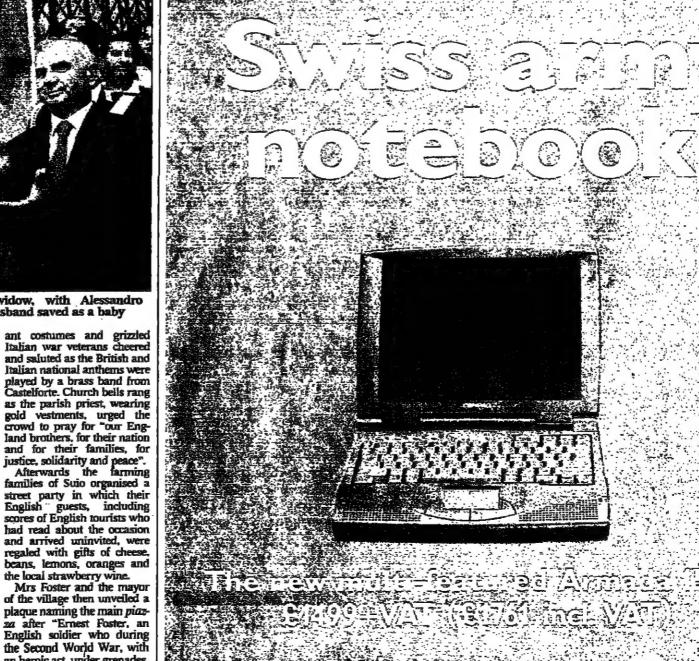
Italian national anthems were played by a brass band from Castelforte. Church bells rang as the parish priest, wearing gold vestments, urged the crowd to pray for our Eng-land brothers, for their nation and for their families, for justice, solidarity and peace".

Afterwards the farming families of Suio organised a street party in which their English guests, including scores of English tourists who had read about the occasion and arrived uninvited, were

the local strawberry wine. Mrs Foster and the mayor of the village then unveiled a plaque naming the main piaz-20 after "Ernest Foster, an English soldier who during the Second World War, with an heroic act, under grenades, on February 17, 1944, risking his own life, saved that of a child in the village of Suio."

As the plaque was unveiled, solemn police saluted and an Italian military march was played. The priest blessed the memorial, spraying holy wat-er on the assembled crowd of soldiers, British Embassy officials and relatives of Mr Foster. May this square become a place of love," the priest intoned.

T only wish that Ernest could have been here to see this," Mrs Foster said, "many many thanks to you all, and



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A picture of Ernest Foster taken during the war, and the plaque in his honour

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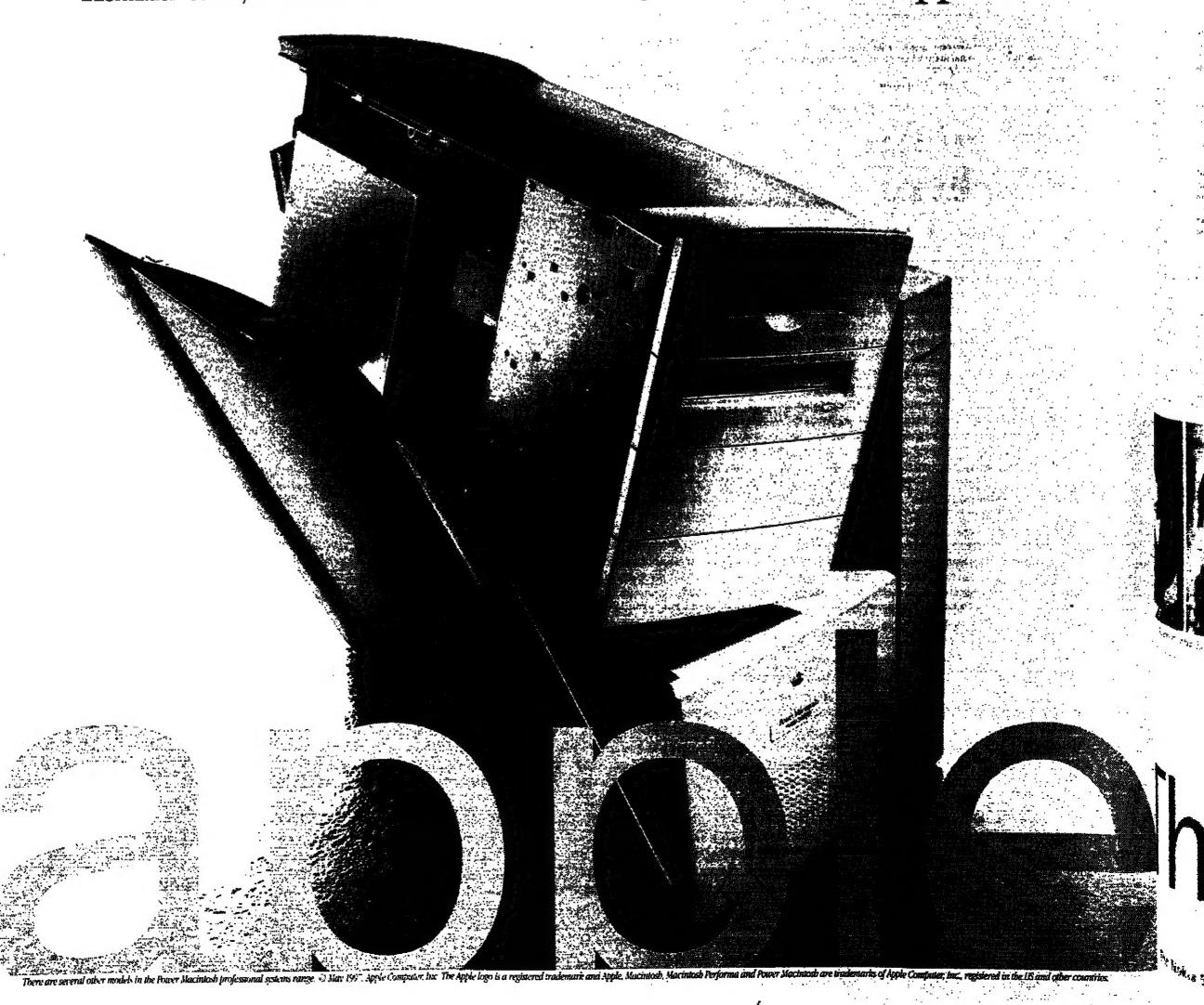
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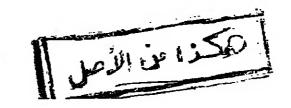
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Carey welcomes the followers of St Augustine

FIFTY pilgrims yesterday marked the 14th centenary of St Augustine's arrival in Britain by completing a journey from Rome in his footsteps.

The group, which included a nun, a student, a bishop and a chemist's shop assistant, were greeted by the Archbish-op of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, and Cardinal Basil Hume, the head of the Roman Catholic Church, as they ended their week-long journey at the saint's reputed landing place on Hugin Green, near Ramsgate, in Kent.

Today the pilgrims will join the churches' leaders and the Prince of Wales for a service at Canterbury Cathedral to mark St Augustine's feast day.

St Augustine, who was sent by Pope Gregory to convert the Anglo-Saxons to Christianity in AD 596, took over a year to complete the 900-mile journey. His latter-day followers managed the Pilgrims' Way in seven days, using coaches and high-speed trains to dart between European centres of Christianity, such as Assisi and Reims, before reaching Kent.

The ecumenical group. made up of 47 Britons, two

Americans and one Frenchwoman, is predominantly Anglican, but includes Roman Catholics, Baptists and American Episcopalians, Twenty two of them will be joined by 450 others to journey on to Londonderry to commemo-rate the 1.400th anniversary, on June 9, of the death of St Columba of Iona.

Dr Carey welcomed the travellers in a service for the pilgrims at the church of St Martin and St Paul. "As today, so in the time of Bertha, a congregation met faithfully here to bear witness to Christ in the midst of a population that had either never had or had largely lost touch with their Christian roots. But as today, too, so in the time of Augustine, people came from afar to this city to share their faith and to spread the good news of Christ."

A reception followed the opening of a £! million English Heritage museum on the site of Sr Augustine's Abbey, built with the help of a £680,500 grant from the Heri-tage Lottery Fund. St Augustine founded the abbey as part of his mission.

Grass loses greenness for radio show defectors

MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE former panel of Gardeners' Question Time, which defected from the BBC to start a rival show on Classic FM, are searching for a sponsor to keep the programme from

A substitute has yet to be found two months after the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society ended its three-year financial backing of Classic Gardening Forum.

The news comes in the week that Radio 4's Gardeners' celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. The hardy perennial will mark the occasion next Sunday by recording a roadshow. from the heart of the National

Although Classic FM insists that its programme is not under threat - it has been running without a sponsor since March — officials say it is the most expensive show on the commercial station, costing £250,000 a year, and has to pay its way. A spokeswoman ud: "We only have three ad breaks an hour and we find that sponsorship, a concept developed on television as with Cadbury's and Coronation Street, is a good method of

funding.
"Unlike the BBC, which has the licence fee to keep it going, we have to fund ourselves. It is true that we do not have a ing Forum has a weekly. The anniversary Garden-

The most commonly asked questions are: How can I control my vine weevils? How can I control slugs in the garden? Why won't my wistaria flower? How do I get rid of moles? How can I get rid of honey fungus? How do I banish moss from the lawn? How can I have success with brassicas? What are the best plants to attract wildlife and pondlife?

Can you name your favourite roses! What are the best plants for North-facing walls and

The most ludicrous questions include: How do you collect fish manure? How can I stop frogs knocking over my water lilies? What plants are suitable for a nudist colony? Am I right or is my husband?

The tips of which the panel are proudest: Bob Flowerdew: sharpen your hoe and use it often. Anne Swithinbank: look at your plants all the time and if you're short of time, get your seeds sown. Geoffrey Smith: anyone moving into a new or established garden should spend a year studying the site before making any alterations.

sponsor at the moment but we are looking for one. The show is still on air. We recorded two programmes at the Chelsea Flower Show last week.*

In 1994 the entire panel of Gardener's Question Time -Dr Stefan Buczacki, Daphne Ledward, Fred Downham, Sue Phillips and Bridget Moody - were posched by Classic FM. Classic Garden-

audience of 450,000. Radio 4's programme, now led by Geoffrey Smith, Pippa Greenwood, Bob Flowerdew, Anne Swithinbank and chairman Eric Robson, has a weekly audi-

ence of 1.3 million. A BBC source said: "We feel we have beaten Classic Gardening Forum. We are beating it at a ratio of about three listeners to one."

ers' Question Time will be recorded in an amphitheatre in the National Forest which will be officially opened to the public in 1998. Trevor Taylor, the show's producer, said: "The demand for factsheets now beats all records and the enjoyment, enthusiasm and humour of the panel and the audiences is obvious on air."

James Boyle, controller of Radio 4, said: The expertise of the panellists, the passion they bring to the programme and their rapport with those listening at home explain why it is so highly valued by Radio 4

Since Gardeners' Question Time went on air on April 9, 1947, from the Broadoak Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne, it has been broadcast from locations including New Scotland Yard and Bristol Zoo.

The original panel com-prised Bill Sowerbutts, who stayed with the show for 30 years, Fred Loads, Tom Clark and Dr E. W. Sansome.

Among the detailed questions that have been submitted to the panel was one from an inmate of Leyhill Open Prison. Gloucestershire, about the effect on plants of day length and light levels in artificial conditions.

After the recording, the prison governor pointed out that the inmate was serving a sentence for growing large quantities of cannabis in a



From left: Eric Robson and Bob Flowerdew of Radio 4 and Stefan Buczacki and Sue Phillips of Classic FM

Aids victim denies she Blue Peter elephant dies at 17 months

BY JOANNA BALE

THE elephant calf named Karha by viewers of Blue Peter died yesterday at Chester Zoo.

The 17-month-old female had been refusing to eat for several days and had been cared for by a team of specialist vets. It was only the second Asiatic elephant to be born and successfully reared in this country and

death has not yet been established, Karha had been recovering from an operation to remove a stone from its oesophagus.

A zoo spokeswoman, Pat

Kade, said: "All those who knew and worked with her are very upset. She was hand-reared from birth and her keepers had worked with her 24 hours a day

from the day she was born. "She was extremely popular with visitors and she will be missed by us all." Chris Vere, the 200's mar-

keting manager, said there was no evidence that Karha had died from an infectious illness which could affect other animals. "We became concerned last week because she was not eating and was not her usual lively self," he said. Karha collapsed after

being taken to Liverpool University's Leahurst Animal Hospital.
The elephant became

famous when 143,000 viewers of the BBC children's programme voted to tall it Karha, out of six names suggested by keepers. The name means "noble group of elephants".

Mr Vere added: "Karha's death does not diminish our commitment to a continuous and viable breeding programme for this endangered species. She was a wonderful ambassador for our work."

passed on HIV virus

FROM DANIEL MCGRORY IN LARNACA

THE family of Janette Pink say she is "devastated" by allegations made in court by her former lover that she passed on the Aids virus to

Her fragile health has deteriorated after three days of often gruelling cross-examination about her private life as she confronted the Cyprus fisherman accused of negli-gently infecting her with HIV. Her cousin, Sharon Keefe, has been at her side throughout what she called her "insidious and wicked" treatment in a Larnaca court by Pavlos Georgiou, who Mrs Pink dismisses as "a disgusting man

with no morals". Mrs Keefe said: "Jan was in such pain all the time in court but she was determined to stop this man hurting any more women. The girl is dying. She is slowly dying like a flower before our eyes."

Looking gaunt and exhausted, Mrs Pink, 45, who is divorced with two children. confessed yesterday she feared that her recent improvement in health would suffer and

that she faced further character assassination as the test case continued in her absence. She was shaken by Mr Georgiou's assertion that she had infected a coach driver

island, some of whom the defence intends to call as witnesses. "That was the worst lie of all." she told her cousin. The allegation could result in Mrs Pink, from Basildon in Essex, facing prosecution under the same obscure 1957 law which is being tested in this hearing. Mr Georgiou's omou, said yesterday: "In

theory, if she wins this case,

the same law could be used

with the HIV virus and had

sex with other men on the

against her." Mrs Pink admits she is not fit enough to attend the verdict, expected next month, and is unlikely ever to see Mr Georgiou again. "Being in court with him was much harder than I expected. I'm glad it is over but not sorry I

did it," she said. Mr Georgiou's twin brother, Petros, said yesterday that he had been offered "many thousands of pounds" by a British television production company to play his brother. He did not say whether he would accept.

Pavlos Georgiou is considering suing medical staff in Nicosia who revealed he was HIV-infected. He will ask the court to stop his doctor revealing how Mr Georgiou knew he had Aids and was repeatedlectured about the dangers of having unprotected sex. His doctors have already suggested they know of other

Yesterday. Mr Georgiou spent the day sailing with his four children, including Rafael, four, who is also infected. He said his own medical condition was deteriorating. "People forget I am in the shadow of death too." he said. He believes he contracted HIV from a woman tourist. He shrugged when asked if he considered himself a womaniser. "I am a gentleman. Just because I have Aids it does not

mean I am a bad man."



Janette Pink meeting Petros Georgiou, twin of her former lover. He claimed that a British television company had offered him money to portray his brother

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Family study aims to identify genetic cause of depression

Ry ANIANA AHUJ

PSYCHIATRISTS are seeking 25,000 brothers and sisters in a hunt for the genes that control depression and anxiety. The project is thought to be the largest in the controversial field of psy-

chiatric genetics. families with medical histories of depression, with limited success. However, this latest exercise - which has been granted £640,000 by the Medical Research Council (MRC) - will scan the spectrum of human personality. David Fulker of the Institute of Psychiatry in London, who is heading the study, said: "We're not looking for clinically depressed people or those suffering schizophrenia or manie-depressive psychosis. This is more about general personality traits. We want relatively normal people who feel down in the mouth occasionally." Participants will be found through a network of doctors' surgeries affiliated to the MRC.

In the first instance, 10,000

people will be given personality questionnaires — with questions such as, do you suffer from sleeplessness; do you feel lonely — to elicit whether they are mildly anxious or depressed. That first set of people is expected to have 15,000 siblings between them, who will undergo similar testing. The researchers will then select two broad sets of siblings — those who are very similar in outlook and those whose dispositions are poles apart. This will create a pool of about 800 sets of siblings who will be subjected to more detailed psychiatric interviews. Their DNA will also be analysed.

The main aim. Professor Fulker says, is to find an "index of psychiatric vulnerability". The results could also help to create a new class of drugs for treating depression, which affects one in ten people at some time during

The three-year project will catapult Britain to the forefront of research in psychiatric genetics. Unlike America, Britain has shied away from funding such research, partly because of ethical concerns information. As a result of a general change in attitude, opmental Psychiatric Research Centre was founded at the Institute of Psychiatry. Professor Fulker, who left Britain to become one of the leading statistical geneticists in America, was lured back from the University of Colorado to help to direct research



Alf Wight, better known as Yorkshire vet James Herriot, was beset by anxiety throughout his career

It needn't happen to a vet - or any elderly person

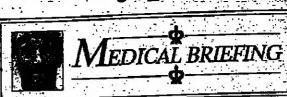
TWO biographies are being written about Alf Wight, better known as James Herriot, the Yorkshire vet and author.

In his books Wight did not describe the anxiety caused in him by the life and death responsibility of being a vet, but he was always conscious that the death of a lonely-widow's dog, or a valuable cow belonging to an impoverished farmer in the agricultural depression, would

One of the biographies is being written by his son. Jimmy Wight. He is quoted as saying that his father had certainly been a sewere worrier since his student days, and that in his private diaries he frequently hemoaned his perceived lack of knowledge, and wished that he could do more for his patients.

Feelings of professional or

social inadequacy, low selfesteem together with anxieties about money, are common in depressed patients. The James Herriot books were not written until Wight was over 50 and up to that time the family bad always been hard-pressed



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

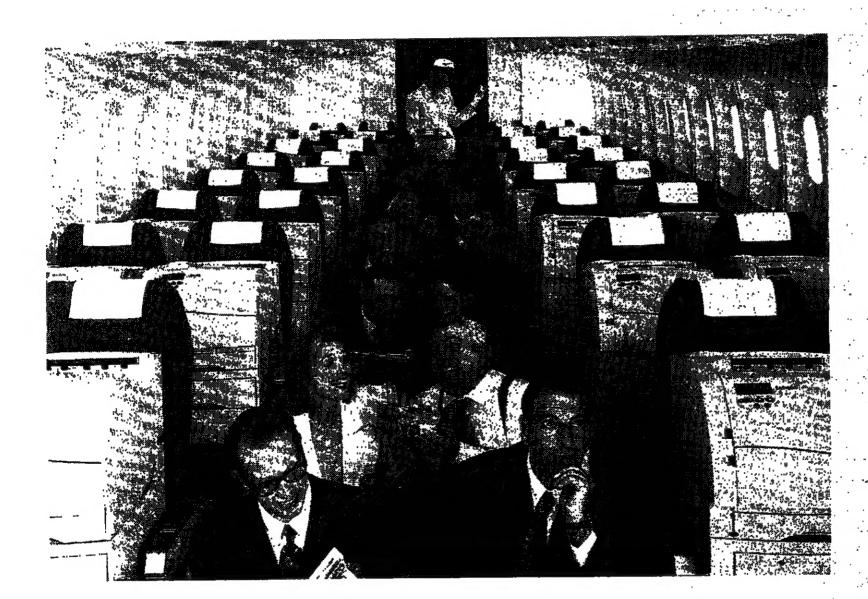
financially. Wight suffered his first severe attack of depressive illness when he was nearly 50 at the time of his father's death. Many patients who become severely depressed in the second half of their life have shown evidence in the early years of trouble ahead. They may have been excessively anxious and unusually rigid in their lifestyles, with a hyperconscientious and compassionate personality all too easily undermined by self-doubt and misplaced fears of

As the depressive illness and deepens in the older patient of they, like younger sufferers, ill will also have the characteristic tic symptoms of hopelessness dand loss of sense of pleasure in previously enjoyed activi-

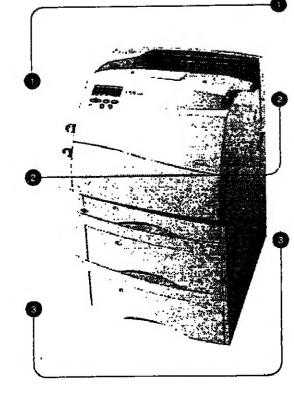
ties, a vanishing appetite weight loss, insomnia and particularly, hypochondria.

The elder depressive has morbid fears about death, financial security and, since there is a large component of anxiety in their condition, are unable to separate the truly worrying from the merely

Contrary to popular belief, modern drugs mean depression in the elderly can usually be treated. As in all age groups there is a minority who are not helped by anti-depressant drugs, but the majority respond either to the older preparations or the new 5HT reuptake inhibiters. Those drugs that also have an anti-anxiety action are usually the ones preferred in treating the older depressant.



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Trust opens first special unit for eating disorders

By Russell Jenkin

WHAT is believed to be the years of dealing with patients first health service clinic in with eating disorders at the Britain dedicated to treating Burnley Health Care NHS patients with eating disorders Trust's Briefield health will open this week.

Recent figures suggest that between 60,000 and 200,000 people in this country suffer from either builmia—the condition of binge-eating followed by vorniting, whose most well-known sufferer was Diana, Princess of Wales—anoreois. As many as one in ten die, the Eating Disorders. Association says.

Association says.

High Meadow, a stabled unit in Burnley, Lancashire, is designed to take highly stressed, young bulinus and anorexia sufferers out of the psychiatric wards of hospitals, where acute cases are routinely treated. It aims to provide a pleasantly decorated home from home with consultations available from dietitians, nurses, psychologists, occupational therapists and psychiatrists, in what could become a model for future

On hospital wards; sufferers could find themselves with the acutely psychotic. Dave Thornton, the unit manager, said. Their care could be affected as a result. We are dealing with people who are distressed, with low body weight, low motivation and low self-esteem. Acute admission wards are not the best place to deal with complex and sensitive cases such as these."

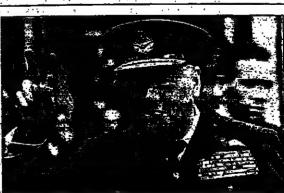
years of dealing with patients with eating disorders at the Burnley Health Care NHS Trust's Brieffield health centre. High Meadows will take patients, aged 16 to 65, from anywhere in the country. Mr Thornton is not sure what the demand will be because the unit is so novel.

Mike Launer, consultant psychiatrist and clinical director of the trust, promised a non-threatening and varied approach; the homely atmosphere would be an integral part. Each patient, referred directly by a GP, is expected to stay for up to three months. "It is important to treat not just the symptoms but also the associated body image and self-esteem." Dr Launer said.

self-esteem," Dr Launer said.
"Anorexia and bulimia are
often tied into other psychological problems, such as phobias, depression and alcohol

David Chew, chief executive of the trust, said: "The availability of a purpose built facility will provide GPs with the specialist support service they have been asking for. We hope that it will also encourage more individuals and their families to seek help."

A Department of Health spokesman said: "Normally people with eating disorders would be referred to psychiatric hospitals and, if particularly acute, would be treated on an acute ward. Then you would be treated as an outpatient.



Churchill with his celebrated cigar and victory sign

New York fan kept Churchill in cigars

By John Shaw

SIR Winston Churchil's cigar supply was maintained throughout the war thanks to the diplomatic bag from Washington, it was disclosed vesterday.

A well-wisher in New York Samuel Kaplan, sent the Prime Minister his celebrated Cuban cigars and had bands printed with Churchill's name. Batches were supplied to Churchill win the British Embassy and a letter thanking Kaplan for his generosity, along with two cigars in Churchill bands, is being sold at Christie's, South Kensington, on June 6. The Kaplan letters and the two cigars are expected to fetch

about £1,000.

"I can assure you that their forerunners were quite the best I have ever smoked and I look forward to this new batch."

Churchili wrote to Kaplan on December 27, 1941. "It is very kind of you to think of me and I was much complimented by the bands having my name upon them."

Churchill was at the White House when he wrote the thank-you note, having just addressed Con-

gress after Japan's attack

on Pearl Harbor.

The letter is part of a collection of Churchill correspondence formed by the late Robert Hastings, a lawyer who was a trustee of the Winston Churchill Foundation in America. Mr Hastings was involved in the scholarship programme enabling Americans to study at Churchill College, Cambridge. The sale of his collection, which includes earlier letters, will benefit the foundation and

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medical schools is deteriorating as departments are forced to focus on research to win funds, it was claimed yesterday. Dr Colin Smith. chair-

man of the BMA's medical

academics' committee, blamed the star-rating system

by which the quality of

teaching at medical centres

was assessed every four years.

The results are used to deter-

mine government research

Dr Smith said the scheme

was damaging medical educa-

tion irrespective of whether a centre had scored well or not.

Top-scoring universities saw research as the formula for

continuing success, while others redoubled their efforts.

Sir Stariley Matthews, 82, is

improving and expected to be

kept in hospital for another

week after a suspected minor heart attack. Doctors said

there had been an "encourag-

ing improvement in heart

function" after tests showed he

had low blood pressure, one

Funicular fight

A legal challenge to planning

permission for a £17 million funicular railway in the Cairngorms will be made

tomorrow by conservationists. Visitor numbers are declining and the Cairngorm Chairlift

Company says the railway will attract 200,000 visitors a

Milk teeth saved

A girl, 15, whose teeth were

knocked out in a car crash in

Cannock, Staffordshire, has

been able to have them re-

placed because a paramedic

saved them in a glass of milk. Dentists say it is vital that

year in the summer.

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HOME NEWS

Worried parents told that BBC's Teletubbies are smarter than they sound

Henry II: penance

Becket abbey is found in Dublin

By AUDREY MAGEE IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

IRISH archaeologists believe that they have uncovered the ruins of a church built by Henry II in atonement for the murder of Thomas à Becker.

The discovery was made during development of a derelict site in the centre of Duhlin, Archaeologists uncovered walls, decorated window surrounds and painted floor tiles consistent with a 12th-century abbey. The site, near Meath Street, corresponds with a lol0 map showing the site of the Abbey of St

Thomas the Martyr. Daire O'Rourke, an archaeologist with Dublin Corporation, said: "It is a phenomenal find. It is very exciting." The Corporation and National Monuments Service stopped the development and is to spend £250,000 excavating the site. The developer has been given an alternative site in the city.

Henry II commissioned the abbey outside the walls of Dublin in 1177 as part of his penance for the murder in 1170 of Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who was canonised in 1173. Becket was murdered in his cathedral by four knights who had reputedly over-heard Henry ask if no one would "rid me of this turbulent priest". The former friends had come into conflict over the relative powers of Church and State.

Thomas's memory was a thriving Augustinian foundation and an important religious house for more than 350 years, until Henry VIII's Dissolution of the Monasteries.

Excavation is not expected to begin until next year. The site has been reowered with earth to proteer it from vandals or are thieves and there are security guards.



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Education experts praise 'dumb' show on children's TV

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By PETER FOSTER

praised a new BBC programme for children which mothers and educationalists have accused of "dumbing down" to youngsters.

One parent described Teletubbies as slow, banal and ill-conceived, and several wrote complaining to the Radio Times. The programme stars four brightly coloured characters described as half-child, half-teddy bear.

They talk like habies, have televisions for tummies, aerials sticking out of their heads and act clumsily. Each action they perform, such as dropping a hat, is repeated several times during a single 25-minute segment.

However, concerns about the language of Teletubbies the characters speak in babylanguage, saying "haro" in-stead of "hello" — were not echoed by educational specialists from continental Europe and America when shown an episode of Teletubbies by The

Diederik Van Rossum, a clinical psychologist from Am-sterdam with 25 years' experi-ence. watched Teletubbies



Wood: has won awards

PSYCHOLOGISTS have with two children aged 2 and 6: "I loved the programme and so did the children." he said. "It gives free range to their imagination and is made with young children in mind."

Dr Van Rossum added that he could not understand the fuss: "I think it is typically British, with your very traditional ideas about education, to worry about this programme. If anything I think Teletubbies is better than Sesame Street, which tries to force ideas onto the child."

Dr Van Rossum also said the repetitions in the pro-gramme were part of the attraction. "This is how children actually behave. The language and movement are slow, straight and communicative. My children loved it, you could see how involved

they were by their eyes."
Ulrich Schmitz, a psychologist from Cologne who specialises in the effect of television on children, said Teletubbies would not harm linguistic development. However, he was concerned that Teletubbies would encourage children to watch more television at an earlier age.

Television is often used to keep children quiet and this programme will only help them to get them hooked," he said. Television should always be the secondary alternative to real life. Children need no more stimulation than is provided in their immediate environment."

Herr Schmitz dismissed concerns over the characters' speaking habits. "The programme aims to communicate not through language but through abstract structures and colours and so cannot be judged by adult measures such as language."

Anne Wood, who devised Telerubbies and has won Bafta awards for her other work, Tots' TV and Rosie and Jim, said she could not understand all the attention. "We simply set out to entertain young children growing up in a technological world. We are not 'dumbing down' and take always take the opportunity to name things clearly through the narrator, who has a natural adult voice. The pro-gramme is deliberately sensitive to children and their needs," she said.

Charlotte Cole. vice-president of international research at the Children's Television Workshop, which produces Sesame Street, said repetition played an important part in the learning process for pre-school children. Young children need a balance of what is new and what is familiar. After all, adults often reconfirm what has been agreed earlier when they get to the end of a telephone conversation," she said.

Ms Cole, who would not comment directly on Teletubbies, said that one of the rules of Sesame Street was not to patronise the young viewer. "We try never to talk down to the child, and start with a level of respect for the child, but this is only one philosophy. Every programme has different goals."

However, the first foreign television company to buy Teletubbles is to cut some of the repetition from the episodes. KTV, a children's channel in South Africa, bought 260 episodes for an estimated \$300,000 (£185,000) after viewing the programme at a BBC

The BBC expects to sell Teletubbies throughout the world and is in negotiations television_ companies across Europe. The corporation's licensing department is also developing a range of Teletubbies merchandise,



The Telefubbies' baby talk and frequent repetition has been criticised by parents

which will be in the shops

Debby Venter, schedules manager at KTV, said the first programme would be broadcast later this year. The standard 25-minute episode will be cut to 15 or 20 minutes to cut out some of the more clumsy repetitions which we think might leave our children feeling bored," she said.

Teletubbies will also be shown on KTV's 12-hour satellite channel, which reaches across Africa from the Cape to northern Egypt. Ms Venter added that she had bought the programme because it offered

messages". Katie Coy. doing

husiness studies at Northum

bria University, said she

thought the programme was very silly. However, she was able to produce a

faultiess impression of Tinky

Winky the purple one saying

The growing fascination with Telembbies has also

infiltrated the fancy dress

business. Peter Evans, 38,

manager of The Costume

Studio in Islington, north

London, said he had had at

least half a dozen requests for

can style programmes currently on offer for her pre-school audience. "We liked the programme because it left. more to the imagination for the children, who will feel very comfortable listening to voices like their own," she said."

characters communicated through whistles: Bill and

Ben managed little more than

flobbadob and more recent

ly, *Pingu*, an animated penquin, only squeaks. Primary school teachers are

also having to get abreast of the new craze. Vanessa King

45, who teaches in a north

London primary school, said:

Even my four-year-olds love

dislodged teeth are not cleaned, and are kept in the mouth or in milk. Family injured

A 12-year-old boy is stable in

hospital with a fractured skull after a minibus in which 16 a minibus in which 16 members of his family were travelling overturned on a motorway Fifteen of those in incident on the MII near Duxford, Cambridgeshire, on Saturday.

Paramedic dies

Paramedics arrived at a house fire in Newport, Isle of Wight to discover that a man who had died was one of their colleagues. Andrew Ash's wife Jane and one of their three children had already escaped and firemen rescued the other two. Mr Ash, 40, was overcome by smoke.

Royal relief

The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Queen Mother attended Crathie Kirk

Bright young things who behave just like students

EVER since the days of Dougal, the fluffy dog from The Magic Roundabout who was hooked on sugar lumps. there has been a cult following among students for children's television.

The psychedelically coloured Teletubbies are compulsory breakfast viewing on some university campuses. The attraction may have something to do with the fact that the characters behave much like students after a night in the Union bar iggling and falling over. The act that one of the characters is called Dipsy has not

escaped notice. Students have also developed theories on the subversive subtext of Teletubbies. One young man from Oxford said it was clear that the green dome where the Teletubbies lived was a symbol for a

nuclear bunker and that the tubes that emerged from the ground to give instructions to the Teletubbies - such as "It is time for bed" - were identifiable as Orwellian instruments of state control. Anne Wood, the pro-

gramme's creator, dismissed such a reading. "Students have always read things into children's television," said. "Reverting to their childhood helps them to relieve Karl Dayson, 29, the presi-

dent of the student's union at Salford University, said that Teletubbies was the ideal "nobrain-required programme before setting off for library or lecture theatre. "I like the nice bright colours. But Laa Laa |the yellow one| is my favourite because he's really happy and smiley." he said. Toby Earle, reading ancient

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The Magic Roundabout: cult following on campuses

history at Nottingham University, said he thought the movements and bright colours were "hallucinogenic". "I can see the day when students' unions will be holding special Teletubbies events or parties, with maybe

cocktails with the names and colours of Tinky Winky, Dipsy and Po." Mr Earle, 20, from south London, added that as well as being a bit "trippy", "I reckon if you play the gargled baby talk of the Teletubbies backwards there

Teletubbie suits in the past fortnight: "Perhaps it's because it's the May ball season and there are lots of students with nothing better. to do than watch it."

Teletubbies is by no means the first children's programme whose characters who do not speak a conventional language. In the 1970s'

it. They've managed to see differences in the characters and they imitate their man-nerisms." Ms King also countered the criticism that babytalk and catchphrases such as "uh-oh" and "bye-bye" would retard her charges' language development. "As a child I watched Bill and Ben and haven't grown up to be stupid. The inventor of Teletubbies must have very good observa-tional skills their body language mirrors that of young children."

on the Balmoral estate yesterday, ending local fears that a decision to substitute an electronic organ for a pipe organ with links to Queen Victoria would damage the relation-ship with the Royal Family.

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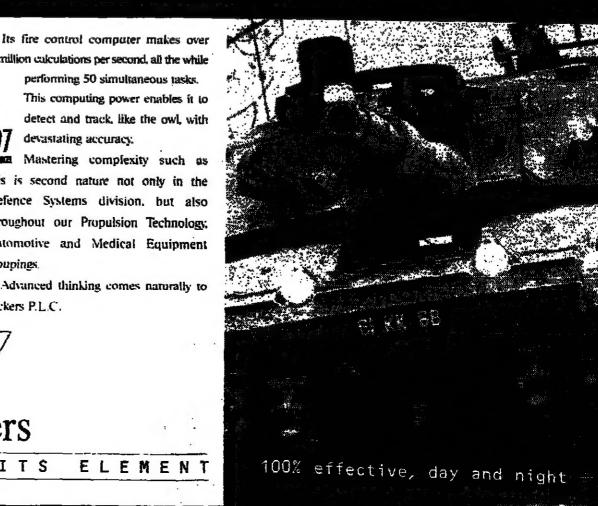
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Gene-modified fish grow three times faster than normal

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

GENETIC engineers have created fish that grow at three times the normal rate. The research aims to speed up production of tilapia, a staple food in the Third World.

Professor Norman Maclean of Southampton: University hopes to begin trials of the "super-fish" later this year to prove that they reach edible size much more quickly than ordinary fish without eating

any more food.

The tilapia is widely farmed throughout the Third World, although the same technique could be used for any type of fish. The rate of growth is speeded up by modifying the fish's genes so that it produces more growth hormone.

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Growth hormone gene was taken from an Atlantic salmon and attached to another length of DNA, whose normal job is to regulate production of a substance used by Arctic fish to prevent them becoming frozen in cold seas.

The regulator gene is pro-

duced in the liver, a large organ. This means that instead of producing a small amount of growth hormone in the brain — the normal pro-cess — the modified fish produce large amounts of it in the liver and grow much

"Tilapia are the broiler chickens of the Third World." said Professor Maclean, whose work has been supported by the Overseas Development Administration. They are an African fish originally. but now they are widely grown in ponds in Asia. China, Israel and South

America. The trials are needed to show that the modified fish, rather than simply eating more, convert their food more efficiently. Professor Maclean hopes to conduct them in Israel, Thailand or Iceland. "Tilapia is a warm-water fish.

often mature precociously and start breeding, producing large colonies of small fish, so Iceland may seem an odd choice," he said. "But they have warm lakes caused by which is not what fish-farmers want. This problem should be avoided with the sterile variety "and if we want to breed

from any of them, all we have to do is inject the hormone and they will become fertile," said Professor Maclean.

hot springs which would sup-port the fish. If they were to

escape, they would die in

colder water, so there wouldn't

be any risk of accidental

He is also working on making the fish sterile, so that

they could not interbreed with wild varieties and alter the natural population. Escapes of

farmed salmon in Scotland

have raised concerns that the

wild stock may be altered and

weakened by genes from the

Sterility is engineered into

the fish by blocking the pro-

duction of the hormone which

is responsible for the forma-

tion of the gonads. This can be done by inserting into the fish

a reversed version of the gene

known as "anti-sense".

responsible for making the

Tilapia which are farmed

farmed fish.

spread of the modified fish."

He has not yet eaten any of the gene-modified fish, so cannot say whether they will taste different from the regular variety. "The main appeal is not to produce larger fish, but normal-sized ones in a shorter time," he said. "If you could grow tilapia in a year of 18 months, that would be a big improvement



Kodiak, a pure wolf, makes a guest appearance in Gloucestershire yesterday

Wolf-dogs 'too dangerous' to be kept as pets

TOBIN, a year-old Canadian timberwolf hybrid, was bought by his owners as a pup-sized "bundle of fun". He now stands 6 ft tall on his hind legs and weighs 8 st.

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He was seized last month by a local authority which claimed he was a danger to the public and should be destroyed, but won a reprieve at the weekend at a private sitting before a judge at Durham County Court.

Animal experts say wolf-dogs such as Tobin, which are increasingly being sold as pets, could prove more dangerous than pit bull terriers or rottweilers, which are already subject to restrictions under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

Tobin is being kept in a secret location until his case returns to court for a full hearing. Trevor Cooper, a solicitor specialising in defending allegedly dangerous dogs, is representing his own-er. Thomas Coates. He said yesterday: The council have agreed not to destroy the animal. We will be able to get in experts and have a full hearing to decide exactly whether Tobin can be classed a wolf or not."

Tobin was seized last month after Sedgefield council claimed that he needed a special licence under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act, 1976, which covers animals such as wolves and coyotes. Mr Coates, from Chilton, Co Durham, maintains that his pet does not need a special licence because he is not a wolf, but a type of husky and

Mr Cooper said: "This case will set a legal precedent as to how wolves are defined. I sit

on the dangerous dogs reform group, where the issue of wolf hybrids has been discussed. There is a real need for clarification of the law."

A spokesman for the RSPCA said yesterday: "There are fears that wolf-dogs will be the next craze among the lovers of exotic animals. We do not believe they make suitable pets. No none should keep them in their home. They are poten-

Meanwhile, hand-reared wolves, well-trained and obedient, are taken on school visits and make guest appearances at zoos and animal parks. Two wolves belonging to the UK Wolf Conservation Trust, based in Reading, Berkshire, have been on display this weekend at Sleepy Hollow Farm Park in Gloucestershire. where they have been paraded on leads by their owners, Tina Bennett and Colin Thorn.

Tim Spittle, owner of the park, said yesterday: "We have had the wolves on guest appearances before. They are no trouble, but we do not allow contact sessions with them, because crowds would put them under stress."

The Wolf Conservation Trust, which aims to increase understanding of wolves but has no plans to reintroduce them in the wild, keeps its two zoo-raised and hand-reared wolves under licence.

Wolf-hybrids, some with more than 75 per cent wolf in their make-up, are either imported from North America or Eastern Europe, or raised in Britain from imported stock. They cost about £450 as puppies. Until now, a licence for them has not been regarded as

Bell and horn section prepares to mount up and pedal allegro con brio

By Dalya Alberge

The tilapia, which is widely farmed in the Third World

A MUSICAL composition scored for Ill "humming, whistling, hooting cyclists is to be given its Eine Brise (A Breeze) by the seconds - that is how long the Argentinian composer Mauricio Kagel, 65, who lives in Germany. will be presented on June 28. The

cyclists will be led in formation down Upper Street, Islington, north London, by Stephen Montague, the American composer, himself a keen cyclist. Fortunately, the traffic need be stopped for only 90 piece lasts. Performances set off at 2.15pm and 4.30pm.

Montague, whose own compo-

a bicycle being played like a harp, and who is finishing a plano concerto to be premiered at this summer's BBC Proms, explained that all Kagel's theatre pieces had "absurd combinations". Previous that they wer mixed-media works have re- an audience. quired singers to produce "screams and yells" and a percus-

sitions have featured the spokes of sionist to wield a heavy axe. chopping away at a log - in time, admittedly. Another piece asked that backstage staff at an opera house should do what they normally do: the only difference was that they were being watched by

> Eine Brise is not scored with the usual musical notation. Instead,

the composer indicated the pattern in which the cyclists should ride, how they were to be arranged and when they were to ring a bell, toot a horn or utter a

"sssshhh" sound. Montague explained that they would line up in a row, two or three abreast, and ride down Upper Street. The event, which charge, is presented by the Islington-hased Almeida Opera, beginning a season of contemporary opera and music theatre.

Montague said that the sounds would change as the cyclists moved: "It's a progression. Each cyclist's bell will be unique in a

block of sound. It's a wide band of

sound that is changing all the

The cyclists will include nonmusicians. The London Cycling Campaign advertised for participants, noting that "musical experience is optional but a horn or bell would be appreciated".

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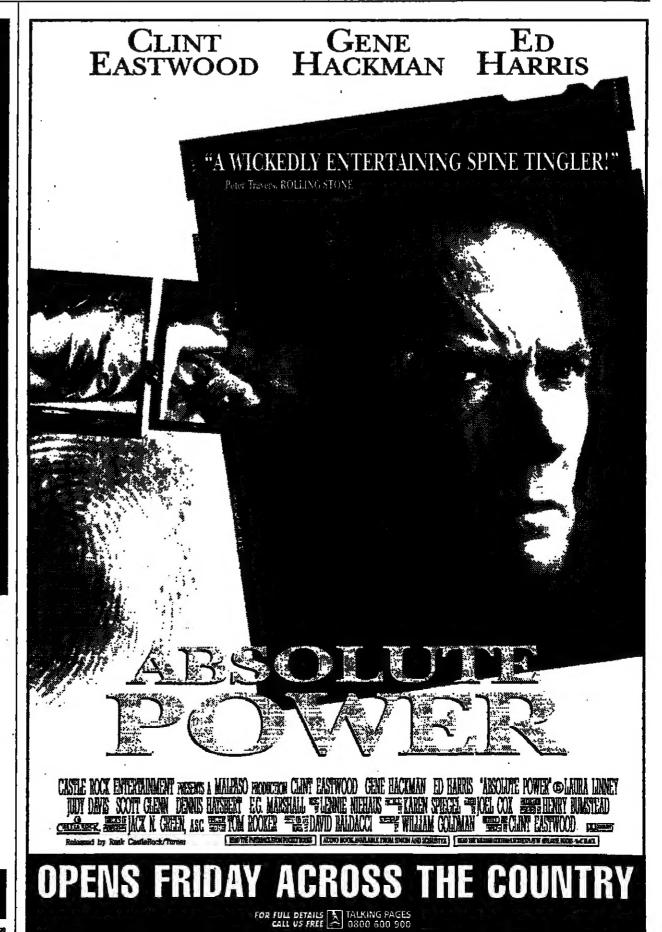
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Wave of looters heralds new era in Dostum's panic-stricken ghost town

FIRST, there was anarchy. Young looters with Kal-ashnikovs arrived in lorries. scaled the walls of United Nations compounds and international aid agencies. screaming "dollars, dollars". They kicked in doors, slapped people, took watches and wallets, radios, torches and especially popular - Ther-

They examined camera equipment worth thousands of pounds and discarded it as



Christopher Thomas finds himself caught up in the initial anarchy as Mazar-i-Sharif falls to new Taleban masters

demanded my laptop computer, which I had been trying to hide. I resisted: a rifle barrel was thrust into my belly. Deciding against shooting me the gunman raised the butt to smash my head. I gave him the computer. He turned

it around, wondering what it was, tried to open it, failed, and tossed it across the room in disgust. I caught it. He was already on his way downstairs to search for better loot. yelling abuse randomly at ghanistan. The first sign of collapse came at 5.30pm on

underground bunker, where they shrank into the dark comers, unseen. The gunmen practically tripped over them. This mayhem carried a message as clear as any formal announcement: it was over for the Government of northern Af-

workers and journalists were

staying. Several people had

made it to the gloom of the

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fear. This happened in the United Nations guest house, where several foreign aid Saturday, the desert sun still baking this sleepy town of 200,000. Automatic gunfire erupted to the west of the city, and there were explosions in the air from rocket-propelled grenades. This was designed to clear the streets.

There was frenzy. Barrow boys ran home, pushing their carts, fruit tumbling off. Shop shutters fell in a clattering chorus, men on donkeys slapped their animals to a trot. ponies pulling carts were whipped into a gallop. Everybody ran, even an old man

women lifted above their ankles, an indignity that did not slow their flight.

In minutes it was a ghost town. There had been rumours all day of momentous events about to happen, but few really believed that the army of General Abdul Rashid Dostum, 43, warlord of the north, could cave in like a house of cards. General Dostum was seen at the airport in Mazar-i Sharif four hours earlier. His wife, children and

with a stick. The full veils of Friday. His generals were told to get out as best they could; most escaped. .

The ugly mood of defeat moved swiftly to celebration of victory. Pro-Taleban forces came first in a dribble, then a wave, shouting reassurances as they took up positions that people had nothing to fear. that this was not another plundering Afghan army come to rape and terrify. The troops burt nobody; their

behaviour was impeccable. At 7.30pm the muezzin-in faithful to prayer — in vain — as darkness fell over a new Mazar-i-Sharif, one that must obey unfamiliar regulations of Islamic orthodoxy.

Commander Qazi Gargari, who led the seizure of both Mazar-i-Sharif and General Dostum's headquarters town of Shebarghan to the west leaned against his tank outside the mosque, beaming at the triumphant yelping of his young troops and said: 'A new order has begun. True Islam has arrived in northern Afghanistan."

people standing frozen in Taleban triumph as warlord bribes his way into exile

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN MAZAR-I SHARIF, NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN

RUSSIAN belicopters patrolled the Central Asian border with Afghanistan yesterday, backed by thousands of ground troops - the first military response to the collapse of the main resistance to the fundamentalist Taleban Islamic militia in northern Afghanistan. The manoeuvres were a warning to the extremist student army to stay its side of the Oxus River.

Taleban's allies moved swiftly from the west, first capturing the small town of Shebarghan where General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the Uzbek warlord of the north. had his headquarters. Tanks then charged 70 miles down the narrow desert road to Mazar-i-Sharif, the northern capital, unchallenged, unexpected and mostly unwanted by a population used to a

liberal interpretation of Islam. Pakistan became the first country last night to recognise Taleban as the Government of Afghanistan after the militia announced it had captured the Salang Pass. Taleban is demanding to be granted Afghanistan's seat at the United Nations, still held by the former Government of President Rabbani, ousted from Kabul eight months ago. A huge portrait of General

Dostum stared down from a customs hall as he drove out of Afghanistan across a bridge over the Oxus into Uzbekistan. On the way to the border post he passed many towering portraits of himself, most of which were destroyed with gunfire or torn down a few hours later. He also had to bribe some of his own soldiers

with dollars to let him pass. Behind him 22 Jeeps and cars filled with 120 generals and senior government officials snaked towards the border, battered by sand kicked up by a windstorm that made the road perilous. They, too, had to bribe their own people

At the last checkpoint they encountered men who had just arrived from the invading army. They somehow got by

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sale hands among fellow Uzbeks across the river, on his way to refuge in Turkey. The leaders of his vanquished army trudged over the sluggish Oxus, carrying what they could, for what will probably be a lifetime of exile. Most had enriched them-

presumably with

money, but were forced to

leave their vehicles behind

and walk the 300 yards across

the bridge. The vehicles were abandoned at all angles beside

General Dostum, dressed in

army fatigues, was by now in

the customs shed.

selves handsomely when in power. The political organisation they abandoned has been reconstituted into allegiance with Taleban, a classic Afghan compromise, It will seek to bring in General Ah-med Shah Masood, the Tajik military leader, who runs two or three provinces in the northeast. Two other commanders, controlling a province each, are being invited to join a national government of reconciliation. The invasion was launched by supporters of General Abdul Malik, 35. a former Dostum lovalist who switched to Taleban last week over a personal feud. The Dostum empire started immediately to crumble.



Troops who defected to Taleban's side ride past the Hazral Ali mosque in a truck bearing an anti-aircraft gun after Mazar-i-Sharif's fall

Border alert by Russia after 'keep out' warning

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

YEVGENI PRIMAKOV, the Russian Foreign Minister, said "very tough action" would be taken against the Islamic movement if it threatened any

of the former Soviet republics. The Russian leadership states that if the CIS [Commonwealth of Indepen-

dent States border is violated, the mechanism of the CIS collective security treaty will be immediately activated," said a statement by the Russian Government, which has more than

50,000 troops in the region.

By far the most vulnerable country is Tajikistan, which shares an 800-mile common border with Afghanistan, along which 25,000 Russian troops have been struggling to maintain and ethnic Uzbek, who was driven out security. President Rakhmonov of Ta- of his stronghold. In Kyrgyzstan, jikistan held an emergency meeting of his security advisers at the weekend to For the Russians the latest developdecide how to meet the potential

victory. It backed General Abdul

ments pose a huge headache. The Taleban threat and what to do with the Kremlin is determined to maintain its thousands of expected refugees, Uzbek-istan is also troubled by the Taleban political influence and military presence, but is still haunted by disastrous nine-year intervention in Rashid Dostum, the Afghan warlord

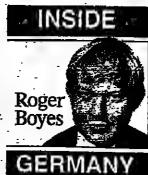
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Kohl dives for cover while Chirac leads charge into euro cannon fire

he stumbling march towards European monetary union is full of strange spectacles. A magazine editor commissioning an article the other day asked how to illustrate it with a picture of the charging Light Bugade, or with a rather luid portrayal of the French retreat from Moscow? Stampeling towards disaster, filled with joy and fear; or an exhausted, snow-bound withdrawal, with distant former conquests burning in the

sermany's decision to revalue its gold reserves dem-orstrates how disoriented the



hovering between advance and retreat on the euro, like the Grand Old Duke of York. A speech writer for Günter

ister, recently inserted the routine formula: We have to fulfil the hard criteria of Maastricht. The draft came back from the minister's office with the phrase deleted. Instead, the speech read: We must stay credible.

The German euro-compass is going haywire. Bonn's use creative accounting has hurt its credibility in arguing for the exclusion of Club Med states. But more importantly it has highlighted a subtle shift of power in the Franco-German axis. It is President Chirac, the reserve cavalry man, who is galloping into the cannon fire of the valley of death, and Helmut Kohl who seems to be diving for cover. French championship of the South has been cemented. In their pre-election Paris dinner, the Chancellor spent much time explaining that Bundesbank gold was not about to be sold. The French, sick of German finger-wag-ging, are privately delighted by this admission of weak-ness. One result of the dubious gold revaluation is that the axis is performing better than for any time in the past

 ermany at bay is preferable to a baying Germany. Herr Kohl he intended to run again - to save the euro. M Chirac let the German leader know about his plan to call early elections — to save the euro. That is real consultation, the exchange of powerful secrets for a single common cause. It shows how far Britain is from this inner decision-making

electoral round in France will speak for a broad, pro-euro consensus. Herr Kohl's staff is bursting with Francophiles and sometimes seems to resemble a permanent wine and cheese party. The Chancellor's key foreign policy adviser, Joachim Bitterlich, is and always looks uncomfortable at British parties. These French specialists

have convinced the Chancelfor that M Jospin's talk of a political counterweight to the European Central Bank, about a euro competitive with the dollar and about early entry for Italy and Spain will come out differently in power. There even seems to be a quiet preference for the Socialists. There is no great enthusiasm for M Juppe. Nobody in Bonn has for-

gotten an interview M Juppé gave in 1993: "We may not always have German leaders sufficiently resolved to an-

If that should occur, some might perhaps think that a reunified Germany of 80 million inhabitants, with extremely strong positions in Central and Eastern Europe. could recover its freedom.

reedom? The freedom to define its own national interest to forge its own foreign policy? Perish the thought. The basic idea was banal simply the French rationale for Europe, Maastricht and all that. But M Juppé has a gift for offence, unmatched even by his old German sparring partner. Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign

pede because of the number of feet he can put in his mouth. If M Juppe goes, there will not be a wet eye in

The French advantage within the axis is temporary, determined only by Germany's passing embarrassment in matters fiscal. Sooner rather than later, the essential problems - a swollen Germany too heavy for comfort in harness with a shrivelled France with fading global influence - will reassert themselves. Then, perhaps, Britain will find a space for itself in Europe. For the time being, it has to be patient.

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Voter apathy threatens French coalition hope

bean winnowing down a reord-breaking field of 6,389 caldidates vying for 577 parlismentary seats in the first round of a tight election race that will determine the future of France's drive to join the ringle European currency. The first-round vote in the

gislative election selects ose candidates eligible to go through to the second, crucial bund next Sunday, but even fore the polls closed last light pollsters were predicting widely dispersed vote, with nany voters casting their balots in favour of extremist or ringe candidates.
The latest opinion polis

ndicate that the centre-right boalition is still on track to retain power with a slimmeddown majority, but Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, issued a warning that, with so many candidates competing in the first round; initial results should be interpreted with caution.

Defying predictions, statis-tics released by the French Interior Ministry yesterday showed that by midday turnoutwas higher than at the last parliamentary elections in 1993, but up to a third of voters were still expected to shun the ballo box in an expression of the nation's widespread political discontent. Al5om, an hour before most

polli closed, just 54.51 per cent



Pollsters predict that a widely dispersed vote in the first round can only benefit fringe candidates and the extremist

cent set at the same juncture in the 1988 legislative elections. A large number of National Front candidates in three way races in the second round would be bad news for the Centre-Right, since these could split the right-wing vote

and possibly usher in a sur-

prise left-wing victory, accord-

ing to analysts. The voting intentions of National Front supporters whose candidates do not go through to the second round represent another key vari-able. Jean-Marie Le Pen, the National Front leader, has urged support for the Socialists, but many of his followers are more likely to opt for the Centre-Right in the second

President Chirac called the election nearly a year ahead of schedule, gambling that a snap poli would provide him with a renewed mandate to push through the austerity necessary to ensure that France qualifies for economic and monetary union.

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outgoing assembly, but the election has proved far closer than either M Chirac or M Juppé anticipated. The President is expected to intervene personally in the week between the first and second rounds, as he has on several parties, Ben Macintyre occasions during the election reports from Paris M Juppé, whose personal

unpopularity has been the peatedly said that a left-wing Left's principal campaign victory, requiring M Chirac to weapon, voted yesterday morning in Bordeaux, where "cohabit" with a Socialist-led he is Mayor as well as a Government, would prompt a crisis in Europe and could parliamentary candidate. At scupper the entire single curthe polling booth, the unpopular M Juppe faced a further rency project. Lionel Jospin, the Socialist indignity when an official demanded that he produce an leader, has campaigned against further spending cuts identity card before a raft of to achieve the Maastricht criphotographers. Normally it is enough to be

teria, while pledging to tackle France's galloping unemploy-ment by creating 700,000 new well known," the Prime Minister remonstrated. But the official insisted, forcing M luppé If the stakes could hardly be to extract his wallet and fumhigher, the level of interest ble for a card. M Jospin voted in his constituency of Cintegabelle in southwest aroused by the election could hardly be lower, after a lackhustre campaign most notable for the apathy and cynicism of

The leaders of both the Gaullist and Socialist parties will be fighting for their The next five days will see a political lives in the coming frenetic scramble by the maindays. Even if, as expected, his stream parties to scoop up the protest voters and non-voters party gains a substantially from the first round as supenlarged tally of seats in the assembly, many predict that port coalesces around qualifying candidates from the Right M Jospin, who lost to M Chirac in the presidential race and Left, with the National of 1995, will be forced to step Front playing a spoiling role down as party leader unless that may yet prove decisive. prejious record of 54.7 per his Prime Minister have re-held a massive 464 seats in the all winners.



President Chirac and his wife, Bernadette, centre, after they cast their vote in the legislative elections yesterday

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Britain signals growing role in Middle East

BUITAIN signalled its intention yesterday to play a much bigger role in the struggle to rescue the Middle East peace process with the arrival in Egypt of Derek Fuchett, the Foreign Office Minister, at the start of a six-day tour of all the main

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administration has made clear that it is Government attaches to the search for a going to play a more central role in Europe and its determination to play a more energetic part in the European visited the area while in opposition. Union's Middle East peace initiative is part of that." Before leaving for a trip and the Palestinians halted since work on which will also take in Israel, the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, Mr Fatchett said: "I am delighted to be making an early visit to

just and durable peace between Israel and its neighbours." Mr Fatchett, who twice the east Jerusalem settlement of Har Homa began two months ago. No peace negotiations between Israel and Syria have taken place since Israel's right-wing A senior British official said: "The Blair the region. This shows the importance the Government took office 12 months ago.

Bosnia's soldiers of fortune reject blame over Zaire

FROM TOM WALKER IN VLASENICA

MILISAV JOVIC weighed of Muslims in the Bosnian just over five stone when he war, in this closed, xenophosuccumbed to malaria last Friday. His brother Radisav died two weeks earlier, shooting himself in the head in the family home in Brinice, in Bosnia's Drina Valley. Both died because of the

war in Zaire. Unemployed Bosnian Serbs in their midthirties, married and each with two children, the chance of earning £12,000 as mercenaries in President Mobutu's last stand in Zaire was too great a temptation. Radisav killed : himself in despair. Milisav was part of a second wave sent hurriedly, without medication, in March; at least four others in Brnjice are said to be recovering from malaria.

"Milisav was a great guy, we all loved him. Poverty and the fight for money is destroying our Serb destiny," said the Jovies' tearful friend, Boban, over beer and plum brandy in the Desica Café in Zvornik, where a bridge over the Drina links Bosnia with Serbia:

Hours earlier, Milisav's body had made its last crossing of the river that tugs at every Serb heart, on its way to a post-mortem examination in the Military Medical Acad-

In dribs and drabs the 300 Bosnian Serb mercenaries who failed to provide any backbone to the routed former Zairean government troops are returning to their grim homeland. Most came from the Drina Valley, scene

of the ugliest ethnic deansing

war, in this closed, xenophobic environment, guilt and hostility permeate every ruined settlement. Further south from Zvornik, in the mountain town of Vlasenica. a group of mercenaries sat around a table outside a discothèque. They demanded cash for their Zairean story. A grey-haired man called "The Commandant" and a shavenheaded colleague said they would talk on condition of anonymity. They said: "Why is there all this speculation that we are always drunk and killing people? We are professionals."

The men said they worked in a mobile camp that remained 20 miles from the front line, and that their conditions were excellent. In Kinshasa, they lived in a villa with sauna and weight-training facilities, and for the last month of the civil war they were "just eating and drinking".

Each claimed to have earned more than £3,600 a month for three months, more than they earned in five years of fighting locally. It is a measure of the Serb paranoia in Vlasenica that many refused to talk because they believe mercenaries returned from Zaire might be dragged before the war crimes tribunal

in The Hague. The men in Vlasenica said they felt no shame at their failure. "This was not a real war like in Bosnia," said The Commandant. "Zaire's fall had been arranged politically months in advance."



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Texas accused of 'assembly line' rush on death row

FROM LAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

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Texas is the capital of capital

punishment because of its

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Mr Stafford Smith's goal is

to carry his campaign to Texas, but he said yesterday

the state is so huge that it takes

monumental resources to cov-

There has never been an

adequate organisation pre-

pared to wage the fight, and

legal representation at trials is

often abysmal. He said that

America has 3,700 people

awaiting capital punishment,

and if one were executed every

day except Sundays for ten

years the number would

scarcely have changed. Ameri-

can courts sentence more than

300 to death row every year.

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Texas has executed 122 since

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WHEN a double murderer is put to death by lethal injection as scheduled on Wednesday he will bring a gruesome distruction to Texas.

The Lone Star State will have executed eight condemned men during May, the highest monthly total for any state since the death penalty was restored in 1976. The new tally will stand briefly: Texas has set II executions for June. breaking a record held by North Carolina since 1920.

Texas now has assemblyline capital punishment, says Clive Stafford Smith, a British lawyer whose New Orleans practice is devoted to helping death row inmates in the American South.

The Texan rush to irrevocable judgment began in March when the state appeal court upheld a new law that severely restricts the rights of appeal against the death penalty. Texas lawmakers were determined to scythe at least twoand-a-half years off the average life expectancy of eight years on death row. The law works in conjunction with tough new constraints imposed by Congress to curb the transfer of appeals from state

The speeded-up system has brought unexpected repercussions. Executions have become mundane. No longer news, they rate barely a mention in Texan newspapers and on television. Sometimes no lawyers can be found to hanlast-minute appeals, Hundreds of death penalty opponents used to demonstrate outside Huntsville prison. known as The Walls. Now there are few, Just eight showed up for the vigil last Tuesday when a rapist murderer was put to death. Four days before that, three protested against an execution.

The tradition of waiting until midnight before activating the flow of poison into the condemned man's veins has changed. The new time is

As a warden explained, people who must go to work the next day have no wish to stay up late.

The grisly custom of granting the inmate's wishes for a final meal prevails, but there are limits. A last gasp on a cigarette or a shot of spirits to dull the brain are banned by prison rules. So is bubble

Asked by tradition if he had anything to say, one man pranted on for 30 minutes after being strapped to the table before he was cut short by a signal to the executioner. unseen at his panel behind a one-way mirror. The man's last words were: "Warden. you didn't let me finish."

The 442 men and eight women on death row in Texas view their shortening odds with grim resignation. Earl Behringer, due to die on June Il and still protesting that he did not kill a couple in a parked car, said: "I'm a Chris-



Winning hold: Akebono, the Hawaiian-born sumo grand champion, with the Emperor's Cup in Tokyo yesterday after beating Takanohana

Army coup forces Sierra Leone's President to flee

From Inigo Gilmore in Johannesburg

TROOPS were reported yesterday to have overthrown the civilian Government in Sierra Leone and forced President Kabbah to flee the capital in a coup that threatens to torpedo the West African country's fragile peace accord.

Reports from the capital. Freetown, said that heavy fighting broke out around the government offices and military headquarters sonn after 5am. Soldiers using automatic weapons, mortars and rocketpropelled grenades apparently met with some resistance, but there was no immediate estimate of casualties. Witnesses said that about 20 heavily armed soldiers had broken into the central prison

and freed 600 inmates.

After the soldiers had made a radio broadcast ordering all ministers to report to military headquarters a helicopter was seen taking off from Mr Kabbah's Freetown residence. Last night he was believed to

be in neighbouring Guinea. Corporal Gborie, a spokesman for the soldiers, said in a radio broadcast that they were

"now in control of the state". He added: "We want democracy, but not this democracy. Our soldiers have been suffering far too long." He called for the return to Sierra Leone of Foday Sankoh, the leader of the rebel Revolutionary Front. and of Captain Solomon Musa, a former deputy military leader linked to another coup

The Commonwealth Secretary-General. Chief Eneka Anyaoku, said that he viewed the coup with great concern and condemned it as totally unacceptable. This is a particularly retrograde step for Sierra Leone after the advances in building democracy, prace and reconciliation in recent years," he said. Sierra Leone, a former Erit-

ish protectorate set up in 1787 for freed slaves, was plunged into a civil war in 1991 that killed 10,000 people and brought the economy in he mineral-rich country to its knees. President Kabbah took office in March last year afer multiparty elections ended four years of army rule.

Tobacco firm to unsaddle ad hero

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

MARLBORO MAN, the rugged American icon who has puffed away in the great decades, now faces the sack. Under a radical deal ham-

mered out between the American tobacco industry and the country's powerful anti-cigarette lobby, the chain-smoking cowboy could be consigned to oblivion as early as next

The agreement commits the industry to cutting teenage smoking by 30 per cent within five years. 50 per cent in seven years and 60 per cent by the end of the decade, Companies could be fined as much as \$1.5 billion (£920 million) for each percentage point that

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they fall short of the targets. The industry has agreed to make far-reaching changes in the way in which it sells its products. This includes an end io al) "character" advertising, which is thought to convey the message to teenagears that smoking is "cool".

"Characters" are defined as people - real or symbolic - as well as animated cartoon creutions. Mariboro Man, tobacen's top salesman, falls foul of the prohibition, as does "Joe Camel", the "hip" cartoon dromedary who trumpers the cause of Camel eigareties.

The deal also calls for an end to billboard advertising and a ban on cigarette vending machines in places to which minors have access.



Marlboro Man: may disappear next month

The restrictions come in the context of talks, started two months ago, between the industry and 30 state attorneysgeneral. Under negotiation is a proposal to set up a "compensation kitty" for smokers. The industry's fund would contribute \$300 billion over 25 years to help to pay for tobacco-related illnesses.

in exchange, the industry wants an end to punitive damages in future lawsuits. the elimination of "class-action" suits (for example, all air stewardesses being able to sue because they once worked in a plane's smoking section), and requirement that smokers should go through a medically monitored "kick the habit" programme before they can sue for damages.

As anti-smoking hysteria grows in the United States, tobacco firms are pursuing the negotiations vigorously. An industry lawyer said: The risks have now grown too large for the tobacco companies to continue gambling on wins and losses in court They want clear rules to be

Central Park killing panics New Yorkers

By Tunku Varadarajan

A KILLING in Central Park. and out of borstals and drug allegedly carried out by two 15-year-olds who were high on drugs and drink has sent tremors through New York

Police charged Christopher Vazquez and Daphne Abdela vesterday with the murder of Michael McMorrow, 44. an alcoholic with whom the pair had been drinking.

Mr McMorrow's mutilated hody was recovered from the park's lake on Friday. He had heen stabbed more than 30 times - "frenziedly", a police spokesman said - and had been disembowelled by the pair so that his body would sink to the bottom.

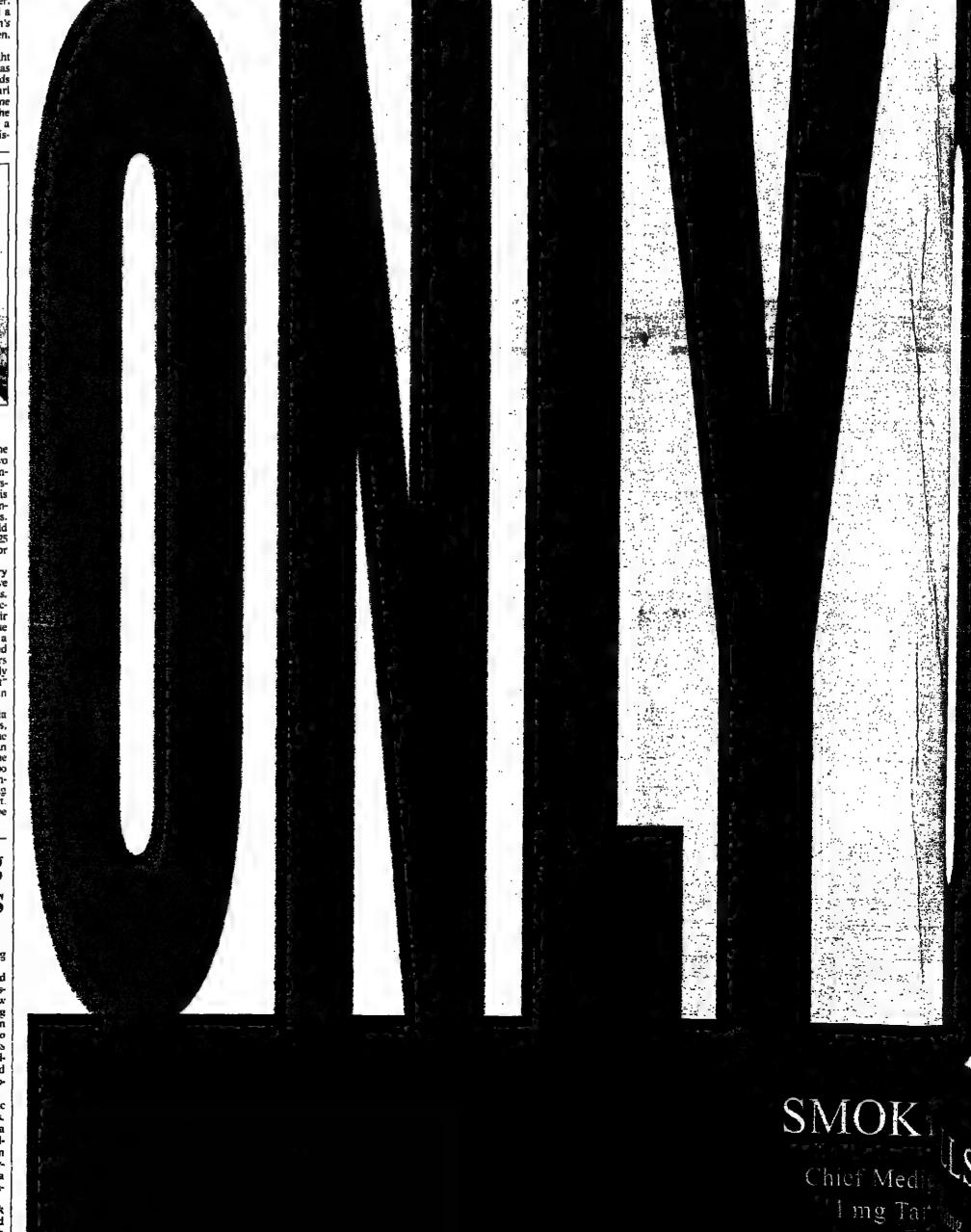
The two teenagers are lovers. He comes from a modest Hispanic home on the Upper East side of the city, while she is the adopted daughter of a millionaire who lives just off Central Park. Although he

rehabilitation clinics.

The pair apparently had heen drinking late on Thurs-day when Mr McMorrow inined them. After providing convivial company for an hour, however, he is alleged to have put his arm around Miss Abdela and made sexual advances. Enraged and egged on by his girlfriend. Christo-

pher Vazquez killed him. The case has caused panic among many New Yorkers who regard Central Park as a metaphor for the city's wellbeing. The 843-acre park, an oasis of green amid the skyscrapers, has always been a source as much of civic plea-

sure as of urban paranoia. The last park murder took place in September 1995, and one of the boasts of Rudolph Giuliani. the city's tough Mayor, is that Central Park is now free of "punks, pimps



Tehran euphoria greets moderate's landslide

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

THE landslide victory of a moderate clergyman in Iran's presidential elections represents the most stunning political upset since Ayatollah Khomeini ousted the pro-American Shah, and could signal a turning point in the country's Islamic revolution.

Some diplomats in Tehran likened the mood of euphoric relief, and disbelief at the scale of victory, to that which swept Britain after Tony Blair's vic-tory, but they cautioned against expecting any dramatic changes in Iran's behaviour.

Sayed Muhammad Khat-ami, a former Culture Minister, won nearly three times as many votes as his challenger, Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri, the hardline Speaker of Iran's parliament who was backed by the conservative clerical establishment that has ruled Iran for 18 years. Hojatol-eslam Khatami's message of open-minded toleration won him the enthusiastic support of intellectuals, women and young people, all longing for more freedom, while his leftwing economic agenda seduced the urban poor. There was a record turnout of more than 90 per cent of Iran's 33 million eligible voters. Hojatoleslam Khatami took 69 per cent of the popular vote to the Speaker's 25 per cent. The outgoing President, Ali

Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, said Hojatoleslam Khatami's victory reflected a surging youth movement which the establishment would have to recognise as an important political force. "People here do not quite believe what they have done," a Western envoy said. They never thought the establishment would allow few public celebrations, but the diplomat said there was a sense that things had changed radically. "It is a bit like the Blair victory minus the South Bank celebrations." While Hojatoleslam Khat-

their man to win." There were

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ami, 54, advocates more personal freedom, democracy and the rule of law, he is no liberal in the Western sense and will be leery of incurring the wrath of powerful hardline elements who consider themselves guardians of the Islamic revolution and will fiercely defend its symbols. "[Salman] Rushdie [author of The Satan-

Iranian women are such that

they can be appointed to high-

Hojatolesiam Khatami was

especially popular among fe-

male voters after promising

during his campaign a great-er role in public life for

level posts," he said.

Boost for women's hopes ference in Tehran. "The edu-cation and the ability of

Tehran: The outgoing President Rafsanjani of Iran said yesterday he would like to see women appointed Cabinet ministers under his newly elected successor, Sayed Muhammad Khajami.

We are in favour of the presence of women in the new Cabinet," Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani told a press condomestically?" The powers of Hojatoleslam Khatami are likely to curbed

by hardline conservatives and powerful religious institu-tions, as well as by parlia-ment, which is dominated by his defeated rival's conservative supporters. Diplomats were doubtful that a parliamentary pledge of support for the new President yesterday meant that he could enjoy its genuine backing. The President's position is

ic Verses and subject of a death

order by Ayatollah Khomeinil certainly will not be top of his

in-tray, nor any overture to the

United States," a European envoy said. "Why should he

risk getting stabbed in the

back when he would gain little

also subordinate to Iran's dour spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who is in overall charge of strategy and foreign policy and had tacitly backed Hojatoleslam Nateq Nouri. He remains virulently hostile to America and the West in general.

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Hojatoleslam Sayed Muhammad Khatami at a Tehran polling station, where he was mobbed by supporters

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Jiang seen as head of Asia's powerful

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY

ASIA'S 50 most powerful people are headed by President Jiang Zemin of China. according to annual rankings published in Asia Week, a Hong Kong-based news magazine. Tung Chee-hwa, his handpicked Chief Executive for Hong Kong, comes forneth, just four ahead of the chief of Hong Kong's most feared Triad.

Second on the list is Dr Mahathir Mohamed, Malay-sia's Prime Minister. Third, down from first in 1996, is President Suharto of Indonesia, "adept at playing off one rival against the other". Up from sixth last year and now fourth is Rupert Murdoch. chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, parent company of The Times. It will make Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister, up to seventeenth from twenty-first in 1996, furious to see that Zhu Rongji - "abrasive, arrogant, with no shortage of enemies" - one of China's deputy prime ministers and economics chief, lies fifth, up from eighth. Mr Zhu may replace Mr Li in November. Lee Teng-hui, Prime Minister of Taiwan, third last year, is seventh, "shaken by public anger over corruption and crime".

Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan, eighteenth in 1996, is out of power and off the list, and so is Burma's democracy leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, who Asla Week claims is less challenging to the ruling junta than last year.

Three women are on the list: Siti Hardyanti Rukmana, Mr Suharto's daughter and a leading tycoon, at 31, up from 33; at 33 is Sheikh Hasina Wajed, Prime Minister of Bangladesh; unchanged at 37 is Sri Lanka's President Bandaranaike Kumaratunga. In Asia Week's dissidents category, first is Daw Suu Kyi; Martin Lee, leader of Hong Kong's Democrats is third, just ahead of China's jailed dissident. Wei Jingsheng.

WORLD SUMMARY

130 'looters' killed in **Indonesia**

Jakarta: At least 130 suspected looters were burnt to death in an Indonesian shopping centre during a riot on the last day of campaigning for the country's general election, the police said yesterday. Four other people died elsewhere in the city of Banjarmasin, in Borneo island, as thousands of people ran amok after clashes involving supporters of rival political parties. Hundreds of wooden shanty houses, a church, a Buddhist temple and the headquarters of the government party. Golkar. were burnt down

Senior senator

Washington: Strom Thur mond became the longestserving member in the history of the US Senate (lan Brodie writes). I feel like a million dollars," said Mr Thurmond who, at 94, has promised to retire at the end of his current six-year term for South Carolina, when he will have turned 100. His 41 years and 10 months in the Senate exceed the previous record held by Carl Hayden of Arizona.

Corsica bombs Bastia: A series of bomb

attacks, one a 331b charge that badly damaged a roads department building, went off around Corsica in what appeared to be a new offensive by militants seeking greater autonomy for the French Mediterranean island. The attacks were timed to coincide with the French parliamentary elections. (AP)

Crew rescued

Madrid: The crew of a Spanish-led expedition which left Easter Island on May 5 in the hope of sailing across the Pacific on a primitive reed raft was rescued 250 miles into its journey by an American yacht two days after the vessel, modelled on Inca craft, was split by a storm. (Reuter)

Yeltsin to discuss future of Kuriles

By DAVID WATTS

RUSSIA and Japan have opened the way for regular summits after President Yeltsin committed himself to the withdrawal of troops from the disputed Kurile Islands claimed by both countries.

The first top-level meeting will come at the Denver conference of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations when the Russian leader will meet Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, signalling a new attempt to resolve the northern islands dispute.

But Yukihiko Ikeda, the Japanese Foreign Minister, said in London the issue of sovereignty over the islands, which Russia seized in the closing weeks of the Second World War, had yet to be resolved. Japan did not know how many Russian troops remained on the islands, although at the end of 1995 there



The islands are just the most prominent element of a relationship that has been among the most prickly in the world, beginning as it did with Japan's defeat of the Russian Imperial Navy at the Battle of Tsushima Strait in 1905 and leading through the years of constant Cold War

It is a further mark of the changed atmosphere that the two navies have exchanged port visits for the first time since the Tsushima battle.

A study of driver behaviour, toll roads and traffic congestion has produced results that have alarmed researchers. Anjana Ahuja reports

car drivers can prove a worrying business. Experiments at Leeds University have suggested that if drivers were made to pay for road use according to the amount of time they spent on the road, they would be twice as likely to drive danger-

The volunteer drivers who participated in the experiment were more inclined to jump red lights, break the speed limit and indulge in risky overtaking. When questioned afterwards, the drivers said that they felt more anxious after the journey. They also admitted to feeling less in control of their vehicles.

Alarmingly, the experiment was performed on a driving simulator. The researchers found the results so shocking that they decided it would be unethical to allow the experiment to be repeated on the

This is the first discovery of a £152,000 project being carried out jointly by academics at the Institute of Transport Studies based at Leeds University, and Newcastle University. The aim is to find out how drivers are likely to respond to road charges. The project is funded by the Engineering and Physical Sci-ences Research Council, and is headed at Leeds by Professor Peter Bonsall and Professor Tony May. and at Newcastle by Professor

The results will be incorporated into a computer model showing how driver behaviour affects urban congestion. The researchers are hoping to hit upon a magic pricing formula that will limit car use, encourage drivers to steer clear of congested or environmentally sensitive routes, prompt commuters to use public transport and reduce pollution. The model also should help planners to devise a strategy for avoiding the ultimate traffic nightmare: permanent gridlock.

It is generally agreed that traffic is a menace that needs to be curbed. Road pricing often has been touted However, nobody seems sure of the

elving into the psyche of most effective way to implement it. Should there be toll roads, where drivers are charged a flat fee to enter a particular highway? Or should payment depend on distance? Will road pricing encourage drivers to use less suitable routes? The important unknown in the equation is how drivers will react

Thanks to the Leeds University simulator experiment — which used a saloon car positioned in

time spent in a particular area.

realistic as possible, volunteers had to feel as if they were dipping into their own pockets. So, at the start of each journey, they were each given a sum of money. As the experiment progressed, deductions were made according to road use.

did not take long for two worrying trends to emerge. Professor Bonsail gerous overtaking.

month in Traffic Engineering and Control, a professional journal.

when faced with a fee.

front of a curved screen showing the road - one option has been abandoned already. "We saw enough in the driver-simulator experiment to convince us that charging for time spent on the road posed an unacceptable safety risk." says Professor Bonsall. The simulator experiment involved 44 men and women drivers,

who were charged according to two schemes. In the first, they paid for time spent below a particular speed, say 10mph. This penalised rush-hour traffic, which clogs the roads and produces pollution. In the second scheme, drivers paid for o make the experiment as

Despite the small sample size, it

says: "Charging according to time spent below a particular speed seemed to encourage the jumping of red lights. And charging according to the time spent in a particular area produced speeding and dan-The results were published last

Professor Bonsall is taking charge of another interesting expers and visitors." periment: the route choice simulator, called Vladimir. The idea is to see whether charging on certain



The researchers are hoping to hit upon a pricing formula that will limit car use and encourage drivers to steer clear of congested or environmentally sensitive routes

routes prompts people to find alternative routes, even if this entails a longer journey. "It's a trade-off between money and time." Professor Bonsall says. "We want to see how people handle this tradeoff, and whether the same attitude is shared by different types of drivers, such as commuters, shop-

Another important component of the project is a detailed questionnaire that will be answered by

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thousands of drivers in Leeds and Newcastie. It will ask respondents for their opinions on road pricing. and whether tolls would encourage the use of public transport, parkand-ride facilities and car-sharing.

The final contribution to the project started last week in Newcastle. Sixty staff at the city's university have had their cars equipped with technology which automatically deducts money on certain routes. Some participants

are being charged a flat fee for entering the city; others pay per mile for the privilege of using certain roads. Again, volunteers on the two-week experiment have been given some money to start with.

Before embarking on the experiment, volunteers had to fill in a questionnaire. However, what people say and what people do are often very different.

"The field trial is to see what. people are really prepared to pay to.

drive on their preferred route," says Neil Thorpe, a lecturer in transport studies at Newcastle University and a researcher on the project. If they change to another route, an algorithm calculates a lower price. Mr Thorpe says: "There is a price which people are prepared to pay to some, it will be 30p per journey. Others are happy to pay a pound."

All these different strands will be pulled together in a computer

simulation, called a network assignment model. The model, which will be based on either Cambridge, York or Leeds, will predict the effect of different pricing policies. It

The simulation will be finished in the middle of next year. It should allow traffic planners to come up with a workable way of introducing road pricing without alienating too many behind the wheel.

□ Satellite pinpoints approach of red dwarf star □ Successful brain operation in the Stone Age □ Mysterious reserves of water

Star with its sights on Earth Skull reveals early surgery

A SATELLITE launched by the European Space Agency in 1989 and designed to measure the precise positions of the stars has produced a surprise: a star that seems to be heading our way. The red dwarf star Gliese 710 is more than 100,000 times larger than the Earth and is approaching at 14 kilometres per second. There is no immediate need for

alarm. as Gliese 710 is 63 light years away and will take a million years to get here. A collision is unlikely, but even a near miss could prove exciting. If Gliese 710 just grazes the solar system and disturbs the Oort cloud, the region around the edge which contains thousands of comets, it could create a secondary bombardment by nudging comets on to new orbits that might intersect that of the Earth.

The discovery was reported earlier this month at a meeting in Venice to discuss the Hipparcos results. Or Rubert Preston and Or Joan Garcia Sanchez of the US Jet Propulsion Labora data from Hipparcos to study how the positions of stars changed over time. The satellite can pinpoint the stars with an accuracy of half a millionth of a degree, so any sideways movement is easily seen. The researchers picked the

1.200 stars that moved sideways the least Next, they had to find if they were

easily done by measuring their Doppler shift, the degree to which the spectrum of light is shifted by the relative motion. Combine such movements with knowledge of the distance of stars and it is possible to work out how soon to expect a stellar visitor. They found eight stars that are likely to come



BRIEFING Nigel Hawkes

710. which is in the constellation moving towards or away from us. Opiuchus. "If you believe the data we have, it will strike the Oort cloud in about a million years," Dr Preston told New Scientist. 1t would certainly throw lots of comets inwards. There are plenty of uncertain-

ties about the calculations, includthe possibility that the ming stars may have comthen the two will be rotating around each other, and the inferred direction of motion of the visible star will be wrong. There is a fair chance that more

precise observations will prove that Gliese 710 doesn't actually have our number on it, so panic is hardly called for. But the same technique might provide interesting information about what happened in the past. Early in the life of the Earth, about 4.5 billion years ago, it was subjected to a blizzard of cometary impacts.

Dr Preston is now looking at stars heading directly away from the Earth, in the hope of finding one that made a close pass at about that time. He even suggests that one day it may be possible to identify the star that unleashed the comet that put paid to the dinosaurs - if, indeed, one did. Fossils tell us about past disasters," he says. "We hope to identify culprits among stars now hurrying away from the scene."



THE earliestknown brain operation was successmore than 7,000 years ago, a Stone Age skull found in

Alsace has shown. A man who had died at the age of 50 had undergone trepanning, a process in which holes are made in the skull with the aim of relieving headaches or curing disorders such as epilepsy.

This particular patient, found in a grave at the Neolithic burial site at Enisheim, had been treppanned twice, creating large holes in his skull. Remarkably, he does not appear to Mive become infected, and the evidence of bone regrowth shows that he lived on some considerable time after the operation, Dr Kurt Alt of the Institute of Human Genetics and Anthropology Freiburg University and colleagues report in

confirmed by carbon-dating of the human bones. The success of the operation, say the team, attests to the "high craftsmanship and wellfounded anatomical knowledge of

the surgeon".

The fact that the patient survived to a good age indicates that the operation at least didn't kill him - making it "the oldest healed neurosurgical operation known worldwide, the team says. Whether it did any good may be open to more doubt.

Chalk's storage secret found



AFTER a run of dry seasons, the England are low. But the fact that there is any water

flow in them at all is thanks to the ability of chalk aquilers to store prodigious nounts of water. Quite how they do it has long been something of a mystery. A team from the Univer-

with the body enable it to be dated wisity of Reading has now produced to 5100-4900 BC, which has been an answer: Chalk is filled with small fractures and cracks, which fill and empty as the water table rises and falls. But when a study was made some years ago of two rivers that were fed by chalk catchments: it was found that the actual flow during dry spells was ten times greater than the volume of the fractures, so somehow the rock must have extra storage

> The Reading team — Dr Mike Price, Professor Clive McCann and Rob Low — used a variety of methods to study chalk from three sites, including passing sound waves through the rock as pressure was increased, to see if there were invisible microfractures that closed under greater pressure. They eventually concluded that the answer lies in the rough surfaces of the fissures within the

These irregularities create a large surface area to trap the water. The actual volume is only a quarter of 1 per cent of the rock, but given the quantity of chalk, it adds up to one billion cubic metres — or half the capacity of all the reservoirs in Britain.

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'If everyone was a rebel, I'd want to be a bank clerk'

attence is not Kelth Allen's strong point. This is pathetic," he jeers at a perfectly forgivable memory lapse, "Oh come on. This is ""ing ridiculous!" Veins bulge and bluish leade cleaned. Experience and bluish jowls clench. For a moment, it looks like he might punch himself in the face.

Thankfully, just as you are casting about for a diversion this is the man who famously stopped a fight in the Groucho Club by organising a penis-measuring contest — Allen retrieves the word he has been looking for from a smoking memory bank and resumes his rant against the "accountant-led-see at the BBC. "Oh it annoys roe. It's just sick. Oh God, it's sick it really is ing sick. It annoys me so

It's loam and Allen is stonecold sober. This is just the way he talks, in furious, repetitive italics, pacing out his thoughts like a caged madman. He is here to promote BBCI's new six-part drama series, Born to Run, and is talking up the project like a trouper when he recalls the indignity of having. to shoot sensitive scenes in a warehouse next to a go-kart track because the budget would not stretch to a BBC

"It's an incredibly graphic illustration of how things are know whether to laugh or run. going down the pan, "he says, almost weeping. "And it's not physique, of a bare-knuckle fair to expect actors and direcconditions. It's just not fair." Such quivering sensitivity is unexpected in a performer who once threatened a comedy club audience with darts and turned a fire hose on a female heckler. But as Allen points out: "It's been 13 years since I was a comedian." Performances in classy TV productions such as Making Out and A Very British Coup, and cameos in the cult movies Trainspotting and Shallow Grave, established Allen as a compelling screen presence,

Actor Keith Allen is an ex-Borstal boy who has the reputation of being the thinking woman's Oliver Reed. Interview by E Jane Dickson

but it was his skin-crawling incarnation of the grasping, wife-beating Jones in BBCl's Martin Chuzzlewit that finally persuaded a wary public that the former Borstal boy had

"gone legit".
"I told the director that he had to cast me as Jonas Chuzzlewit because it was all in here," says Allen, making a scary face and tapping ginger-ly at his temple, as if his brain ere an unexploded mine of

> 'People rely too much on intellect instead of the heart'

carriness. When Allen is in scary mode; it's hard to know whether to laugh or run. ighter. His face, however, is the face of a Jacobean antihero fascinated and repelled by the rat in his skull. In Born to Run, which began last night on BBCI), he practically sweats despair as Byron, an adulterous used-car dealer with more Armani than sense:

"Byron's a nice guy," says Allen, and he means it. "He's a man of his time - fortyish, too old to be a punk and too young to be a hippy. It's a difficult time that, for men." Allen is 43 and has been having a difficult time for as

long as anyone can remember One of Britain's most original and uncontrollable comic talents (his early pirate radio broadcasts made Chris Evans sound about as near the knuckle as Sooty), Allen has the reputation of a thinking woman's Oliver Reed.

Born in Wales, the son of a

Royal Navy submariner, he won a scholarship to public school but flunked out and

ended up in Borstal for petty thieving; older, but no wiser, he did a brief stretch in prison for smashing up a nightclub. Allen has always claimed that he only went to drama school "to meet girls", and a turbu-lent personal life suggests that meeting them is the easy part. The tabloids had a field day when his wife, Alison, moved out with the couple's two children to live with comedian Harry Enfield, and later clucked their concern over "Mr Nasty's" relationship with Julia Sawalha of Abso-lutely Fabulous. Most recently Allen hit the headlines when he and his current girlfriend, Nira Park, took out an injunetion against Anjele Talbott, an . ex-lover who has pursued child maintenance for her daughter. A wodge of "love-rat Keith" press cuttings lays seven children by five different women at Allen's door. Besides correcting the figure to "five children to four women, two of whom are the planned children of my marriage". Alien stonewalls all questions about his personal life with a courteous "no comment".

"All the s*** they write about me is water off a duck's back," he says. "I feel absolutely confident in my own abilities



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you don't get it." he says, pointedly, "what do you want me to do about it?"

I put this in my pipe and smoke it. Allen nips out for more fags and returns in more accommodating mood. Outlining his ideas for a new social order, he becomes positively statesmanlike. Chief among his diktats are: 1 No more kids calling their poncy middle-class parents by their disgusting"); 2 No more Spice Girls ("So sad, so dull and so boring"); 3 No more political correctness ("New feminists iust another word for slags"); 4

No more thinking.

He grows passionate on this last point. "Much the same as kids and animals," he explains, "people are blessed with the ability to feel, but I find the ability to feel is eroded by intellectual discussion. I really do. People rely too much on the intellect when they should appeal to the heart, to our sense of right and wrong."

These bracing principles are enshrined in Allen's personal manifesto, a propaganda film entitled Legalise Dope and Bring Back National Service, which has already been submitted to the BBC. They [the dolts at the Beeb]

couldn't quite get their heads round it," says Allen. "It's as much a comment on the rock star generation and their children as it is on the Government and its terribly hypocriti-

> 'I really believe the dole culture has gone too far'

cal stance on class B drugs. But it's also a comment on usefulness in society," says Allen, who is "totally serious" about square-bashing the way to social reform.

"It's a fact that post-war British comedy wouldn't have existed if you hadn't had National Service," he points out. "The Goons, Galton and Simpson, all that lot met in the Army. I just love the idea of a disparate body of people from all classes having to come together and talk and cope with each other."

This rosy view of institutional life is, Allen admits, coloured by his own impressions of Borstal ("I bloody loved it"). And this unlikely recruit to the backbone-stiffening brigade sees a new improved National Service as an obvious solution to youth unemployment.

"I genuinely believe that the dole culture has gone 100 far. I'm not talking about the people who are on the dole, because I believe that they really want something to do, and I don't think that learning to spot-weld some ****ing Japanese radio is the answer. The point about structure and regulation is that they are there to be tested. Testing them is what gives you character. If everybody was a bank clerk, then I would be a rebei. But it

promise you I would go out of my way to be a bank clerk." Given this horror of the herd. Allen is understandably appailed by his recent media elevation to patron saint of

everyone was a rebel, then I

says, mirthlessly, "because I'm referred to as 'the original lad' a lot of the time, like I'm some kind of role model. The idea of aspiring to that kind of sime is

roll, Allen is terrific company, his conversation fast, fluent and bitterly funny. When he's bored or belea-

like a bolshie teenager. Consequently, you find yourself quizzing him strictly on his "direction in life". Will he concentrate on acting or return to comedy? What about writing? (he has long prom-

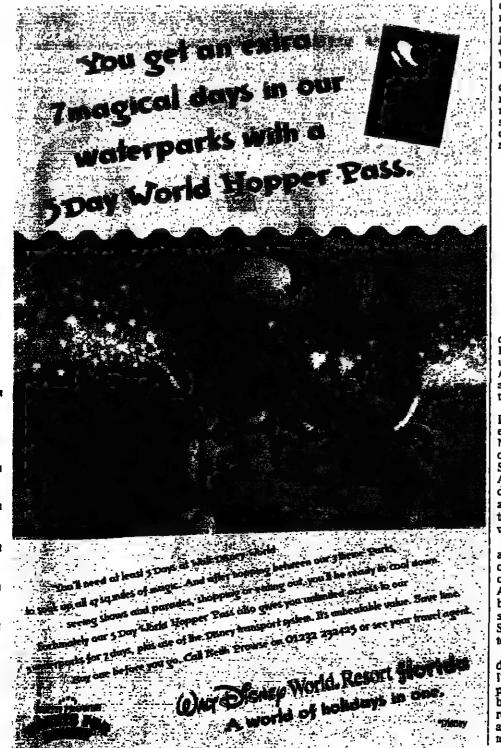
"pop-up autobiog-I remember Damien Hirst saying that it is better to be very good at something than to be the best," says Allen, who is

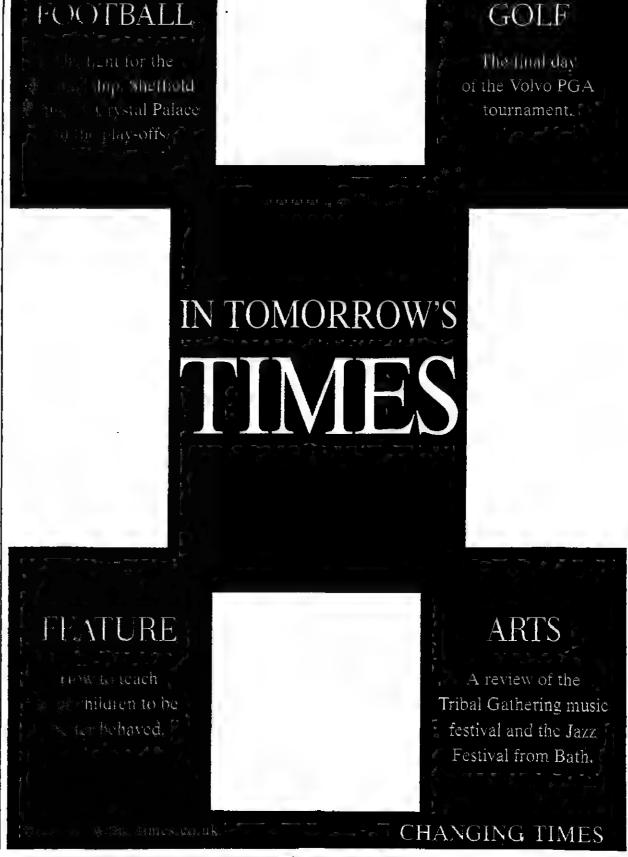
Hirst (he is godfather to the artist's son), he "has no interest whatsoever in art".

"If you're superlatively good at one thing, you'll never try another. I used to think that maybe the reason for my being iack of all trades and master of none was a fear of failure. Now," he concludes, with a straightening of the shoulders and an adult gaze, "I'm certain that's not the case."

● Born to Run is on BBCI

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The countryside is just a distant memory

the many revolutions of the . Dith century the most lasting will be that which saw the world's population move decisively away from the land. Humankind is everywhere racing faster to the cities, while the movement in the other direction is the merest of trickles. After 10,000 years as other words, a factory, agriculturalists, our species has In a recent issue of The Times made the city its preferred

George Ewart Evans, an oral historian I greatly admire, wrote in the 1930s; "A way of life that has come down to us from the Age of Virgil has suddenly ended. A whole culture that had preserved its continuity from earliest times has now recorded its quietus."

t has been argued that among

One aspect which interests me is the impact this could be having on art and especially on literature. Since Hesiod, nine centuries before Christ, it has fed fruitfully on the countryside as a setting, a source of metaphors and a locus for our lives. Our natural contacts.

as we have left the countryside, so the countryside as we have known it is leaving us. It is now, and not only in developed countries, largely a place for agri-business - in

Literary Supplement David Craig wrote that 97 per cent of our meadow land has gone since the war. 150,000 miles of hedgerows at 11.000 miles a year; 880.000 jobs ... in the past quarter-century, three-quarters of the song thrushes have gone and more than half the lapwings, skylarks and linnards fertilisers, weed-killers and

countryside. It is often said that the countryside has moved to the suburbs and Hampstead is better for ornithologists than Hampshire. But that is almost beside the point. There is

herbicides" now dictate the shape,

scent and variety (lack of) of our

always the danger of nostalgia and it is true that many thought that the real countryside began to disappear in the 1820s and 1830s (the period Hardy wrote about). In 1809 John Clare lamented a disappearing world, and 40 years previously Oliver Goldsmith's Deserted Village did the same for yet another receding golden age. But few would dispute that now we are in a different world.

in the mid-18th century in this country the population became greater in the cities than on the land. Perhaps significantly, a year after the publication of The Deserted Village, our greatest poet of nature. Wordsworth, was born. His whole work can be seen as a heroic act of reclamation. But. though he found morality and natural law and pantheism in the countryside, even for him it was not the necessity it once had been.

down a few lines to show how confident Wordsworth was. These. from Tintern Abbey, on a return visit with his sister Dorothy, where he rejoices in the place and the

impact the place has on his mind:

Once again
Do I behold these steep and That on a wild secluded scene

impress Thoughts of more deep seclusion; and connect The landscape with the quiet

of the sky. Who can find a quiet sky in Britain today? Who can, in that sense, connect? And am I in a minority. perhaps of one, in thinking that the difficulty and the erosion of that connection could have and

perhaps is having deep disruptive

Wordsworth's influence is still there, and in my own work I respect it - just as my own background in a small market town still felt resonance from the older England. But the question is:

has the countryside stopped feed-ing our imagination, just as it has drifted out of our collective life?

ho now could write with the confidence of D. H. Lawrence in the First World War: They felt the rush of the sap in the Spring; they knew the wave which cannot halt but every year throws forward the seed to begetting, and, falling back, leaves the young born on the earth. They knew the intercourse between heaven and earth, sunshine drawn into the breast and bowels, the rain sucked up in the daytime, nakedness that comes

There is a bond there which talks of a world assumed to be known to everyone. Who could say that such a bond still exists? And if

under the wind in autumn, show-

ing the birds' nest no longer worth

THE British premiere of

Lorenzo Ferrero's La figlia del

mago brings heartwarming.

operatic success to the Brigh-

ton Festival this year. Opera at

the festival has become a hit-

and-miss affair, performed in

unsuitable venues to audi-ences who sometimes look as

if they would rather be up the

road at Glyndebourne. But

everything came together at

the Theatre Royal on Thursday: Ferrero's work enjoyed a strong staging and enthusias-tic reception from an audience

of mainly children, who gave a

new meaning to the expres-sion "chattering classes". The Sorcerer's Daughter is

a children's opera with much for even the most operatically

jaded adults to enjoy. Marco Ravasini's witty libretto is

inspired by some of the more

improbable scenarios found in

comic operas of the 18th and

19th centuries, with love be-

tween a prince and a princess

thwarted at first by their cruel

fathers, but restored through

Ferrero succeeds where

most composers have failed:

this concise two-act work is

one of the least patronising.

children's operas ever written.

The score draws on conven-

tional forms, but fills them

with spiky tunes of unmistak-

able Italianate warmth. There

are further operatic "sign-

posts", such as the Verdi-like

accompaniments that give the

King recognisable authority.

Tantalising hints of well-

known music are worked in,

but nothing is mere pasticcio.

the intervention of magic.

it is gone, what are the consequences? One consequence is that to read Hardy is to enter a foreign country. Not only is the dialect blanker than a foreign language to young readers; the customs, the buildings and locations are off the radar, I suspect, for most people

There is, of course, the argument that the old nature is now replaced by the new nature of science some would say a deeper understanding of nature. Science fiction thrives just as city novels flourish and perhaps, like classical allusion, nature will simply accept a meek place way down the list in the imaginative hierarchy.

I suspect, though, that what we would have lost will not be easily replaceable. The measure of ourselves, images of our minds, a sense of completeness — these are there to be experienced daily, if we found another way back to the place that technology drove us from. But nature, as we have known it in art for so long, is now

Ferrero also integrates seri-

ai and Caribbean-style music into the mostly neo-tonal

piece, and he does so with a

sure sense of theatrical effect.

The 45-year-old composer pos-

sesses natural feel for the

stage: his big and varied output includes eight other

operas, and he is currently

Daughter is scored for adult

La figlia del mago

Brighton

voices, with children taking

mime roles and playing the

chamber orchestra accompa-

adopts a more grown-up ap-

proach, using adult players

conducted by Paul McGrath)

and excellent dance students

The bass John Hall is vivid

from Lewes Tertiary College.

as the Sorcerer, getting the

deliberately nonsensical tex

(English version by Mark

Herman and Ronnie Apter

across with clarity. Talitha

Theobald's soprano Princess,

Philip Sheffield's tenor Prince

and Richard Chew's baritone

King all give lively performances. Rebecca Meitlis's taut

production, in colourful cut-

out designs by Sarah Ashpole

and choreography by Anna

Carlisle, is a model of its kind,

filling the stage with fantasy

JOHN ALLISON

and enchantment.

writing one for television. Wisely, The Sorcerent

A touch of magic

OPERA: The Royal Opera revives Trevor Nunn's problematic Janáček staging. Plus, children to the fore at the Brighton Festival

Stirring human tragedy

the Royal Opera still manages to give performances of the quality of this Katva and the current Elektra is tribute to the extraordinary determination and resilience of what I suppose we have to call the workers on the shop floor. Management spirals off into ever more amateurish flights of fantasy, and the professionals simply get on

revival is that Trevor Nunn has been too busy to supervise it. Once the focus, the concentration of his original direction is loosened, there is time to harbour doubts about some of the effects, especially the gauzy goings-on at the beginning and what, three years ago, seemed a stunning coup de theatre at the end. Today they look a little applique, a little too "West End musical". And Maria Biomson's first rermaneut set relies too much on careful lighting for last Fri-

ni:

Katya Kabanova Covent Garden

efforts to pass muster. But there are still wonderful things - especially the many moments of stillness - and a series of magnificent individ-

Above all, there is still Bernard Haitink. Now that Janáček is as much a repertory composer as Mozart and Wagner, we can acknowledge that there are as many ways of approaching him as there are in the case of those masters. There may be those who miss the astringency, the wiriness that a Mackerras, say, has brought to this music, but Haitink's spacious, unhurried lyricism is something quite unique and equally rewarding. He seems to be conducting Katya herself, her spiritual beauty, her heartfelt yearning. with a sense of personal identification just as strong as that which the composer felt



Eva Jenis (Katya) and Nadja Michael (Varvara) in a production blessed with magnificent individual performances

The string playing — so silken, so gentle — at her first entrance breaks your heart, and from then on it's uphill (or downhill, if you prefer ail the way. It is impossible to witness Haitink's unfolding of profound human tragedy without

being stirred to the depths of her voice, and she has the

In Eva Jenis he has an ideal protagonist to work with. The Slovakian soprano is tiny, truly a woman in a child's body, rendering her almost unbearably vulnerable. With its indefinable Slavonic "tang", her voice may not be conventionally beautiful, but it is individual and highly expressive, and her soft singing could not be sweeter. Her body lunguage is as expressive as

THERE is a neglected musical

territory that lies between

blues and rock n'roll that they

used to call R&B. Modern

urban black music has hi-

jacked the name for the clean,

classy swing beats that now dominate the charts. Boz Scaggs offers us an increas-

ingly rare taste of the real

thing - dirtier, bluesier and

ultimately far more satisfying.

Beginning with T-Bone Walker's classic T-Bone Shuf-

ing performance of many of the old R&B standards that

make his new album. Come

On Home, such a delight. His

style at times recalls a wide-

awake version of J.J. Cale but his range is far greater. He mixed the R&B tributes with

several soulful classics of his

own, including such 1970s hits

as Londown and Lido Shuffle.

when Scaggs's loray into so-phisticated dancefloor grooves

but of triumphant victory. Among those returning from 1994 is Eva Randová as Kabanicha. Often audiences cope with this mother-in-law from hell with nervous laughter at her sheer monstrusity. but you don't laugh at Randová: with her hooded eyes and thin-lipped smiles she freezes your blood. Keith Olsen repeats his brilliantly

secret of turning Katya's suicide into an act not of despair

lover - and Gwynne Howell is again the masochistic smalltown tyrant. J. Patrick Raftery and Timothy Robinson are new as Tichon and Kudrjas, both good. Nadja Michael, the new Varvara, is outstanding. her pearly mezzo and sparky demeanour ideally comple-

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meaning, fatally ineffectual

menting Jenis's plangently introspective interpretation.

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POP: Boz Scaggs on a triumphant note at the Jazz Café Perky return to roots platinum-selling pop star. Yet good as it was to hear them again, they sounded thin alongside the fluent power of honest and rootsy covers of Fats Domino's Sick and Tired, Earl King's It All Went Down The Drain and Bobby Blue Bland's Ask Me Bout Nothin' (But The Blues). On such material Scaggs really has come home, and his unflashy assurance was positively se-He was assisted by a superb nine-piece band that included Cornelius Bumpus on tenor, sax. Bucket Baker on drums. Scott Plunkett on keyboards and Drew Zingg on guitar. The names may raise a laugh, but their playing was serious-ly awesome. Finest of all was a long, extended version of Loan. Me A Dime, a slow 12-bar blues that moves up three gears at once halfway through as the horn section kicks in with a thunderingly soulful riff. It is now 26 years since Scages first recorded the song on his solo debut album. The original featured the late Duane Aliman on guitar and the legendary Muscle Shoals rhythm section and is still regarded by many as Scaggs's Win one of 21 ca finest moment. It was a tribute d's entire range. to his current bend that the See The Time live version lost nothing in for details of comparison. When they left the greates the stage the entire crowd kept otion ever. up its demand for an encore



DANCE At the Albert Hall Altynai Asylmuratova

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The Royal Opera launches its Verdi Festival with Simon Воссапедта **OPENS: Friday** REVIEW: Monday



Clint Eastwood directs and stars in a new thriller,

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MUSIC

The diminutive Japanese violinist Midori displays her artistry at the Barbican RECITAL: Saturday REVIEW: Monday

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THEATRE: How The Comedy of Errors exercised cultural diplomacy in the Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore. Plus reviews

Back to the old agony

to presenting drug culture dramatically is that most of the interesting action is below the surface. The least creative response to this situation, and the one which Max Hafler's Ecstasy drama at the Andrews Lane Theatre, Melting Doves, makes, is to attempt to sidestep this issue by evoking, rather aimlessly, the social context of drug

A pair of apparently troubled youngsters from the rural West of Ireland, Cally (screechy Aoife

> Melting Doves Dublin :

O'Beirne) and Feargal (curiesey Andrew Lovern), light out from their small town towards an Ecstasy-friendly venue in Galway, hitching lifts from a set of now almoststock West of Ireland characters. A young priest (John Delaney) with a mobile phone offers them a lift and a defensive rant about the victimisation of paedophile priests, while a "crusty" extends an invitation to spiritual gathering.

Eventually the pair meet up with a runaway farm boy (Daniel Guin-nane). He too is "in pain", as the others quickly realise, so all head West together in search of the eponymous "doves" and temporary oblivion at a place called Club Soluble. Tabloid tragedy awaits.

The key to exactly what is wrong with Melting Doves comes in a musical form. The music played at Club Soluble sounds like a forensic concoction, a drum machine workout reconstructed from eyewitness reports. Vocals, sung by the cast, are frequently roared aggressive martial chants. Shayman - Ian Beattie as a DJ and Ecstasy "earlyadopter" - and the programme both refer to jungle music, although nothing in that style is heard. This joint ought to have been called Club mauthentic.

however, lies at a deeper level. A readiness to characterise all drugtaking, from cigarette smoking to E-popping, as an attempt to escape some amorphous and unexplained bain" makes for some throbbingly dull, tendentious writing. The writers dealing best with the contemporary drug scene show an absence of didacticism and a real interest in recreating psychedelic spaces in prose. After a decade of broad public debate on drugs, it is depressing to see such a didactic and reactionary grab-bag of cliche and stereotypes as Melting Doves

. LUKE CLANCY

The Shakespeare wallahs

The RSC has been on its travels abroad. Andy Lavender followed it to Pakistan

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n amphitheatre in Lahore, Pakistan, Two hours to midnight, when British technicians' overtime rates shoot up. "How's it going?" I ask Tim Supple. His production for the Royal Shakespeare Company of The Comedy of Errors opens the next day. "The lights don't work, we haven't got enough time, the actors are ill and knackered, but apart from that,

fine," he replies. Steve Woods, the company's electrician, is looking askance at a stringlike length of cable. "We need something like that," he says. making a circle the size of Popeve's biceps with his hands. Meanwhile, the actors are running through the play, using the cool evening hours to gauge this new arena.

Lahore seems a long way to go for a gig, but Supple's production will have visited a good few other corners of the actors are globe before it is done. It started life last June at the Other Place, the RSC's 200-seat studio apart from heatre in Stratford, before doing the rounds of that, it's British backwaters, complete with its own portable 500-seat auditorium. It has been to Mexico, Ireland and

Holland, is about to go to Germany and Los Angeles, and will end with a six-week residency at the Young Vic in London. The most draining leg of all, the five-week tour to India. and Pakistan, is now a lingering We all know that the RSC is

resolutely peripatetic, following artistic director Adrian Noble's notorious decision to abandon a yearround commimient to the Barbican in London. But international touring is now increasingly important to the company, whose travels abroad are funded for the most part by the British Council. Here we "cultural diplomacy". "There is massive worldwide demand for what the RSC has to offer," says Simon Gammell, the British Council's head of drains. Last year the company toured five shows to 11 countries on five continents. Such visits, Gammell suggests, dissemi-nate a sense of British culture which might ripple for years to come. The Foreign Office have woken up to this agenda in a big way in the last five or six years.".

It seems ironic nevertheless that the RSC should find itself involved in the golden jubilee of Indian independence and the statehood of Pakistan. What bizarre colonial reflex would lead the Asian sub-

continent to invite the old masters to the party? As it turns out, the tour was proposed and arranged by the British Council itself. Isn't this another imperialist adventure in more subtle guise? Consider that Pakistan, which emerged less than ten years ago from military dictatorship, has a literacy rate of less than 40 per cent. Its theatre culture is slowly rebuilding itself, but the dominant form at the moment is upscale modern farce (imagine a Punjabi Ray Cooney). What use Shakespeare in this climate?

Know, then, that the three performances in Lahore generated a good deal of local interest, which was further engaged during a fine workshop that Supple led with 20 Pakistani teachers, actors and directors. And if the Bard seems to

you a rather dusty em-blem of British culture, you will be pleased to note that the British Council organised a vis-it to Pakistan in February by the contem-porary dancer Nahid Siddiqui, while Aki Nawaz and his rap group Fun(da)mental will go later this year. In any case Supple's Comedy of Errors fits

hardly any stereotype of

the RSC you might care to imagine, which makes it a rather interesting export. "I think this production recognises that at the heart of Shakespeare is a mythic, folk storyteller," says Supple. "So he's a storyteller that translates to other cultures successfully." With designer Robert Innes Hopkins, Supple has produced a modern dress production which does not fix the play in any particular setting.

he cast have pursued a kind of "naturalness", rather than the fruity style which sometimes attaches itself to Shakespearean offerings. and mysterious side. Here, then, is a show which confounds older attitudes about The Comedy of Errors; about Shakespeare, about the RSC, perhaps even about Britishness.

The Alhambra Gaddafi Stadium

in Lahore is a red-brick coliseum used for one-off music and dance events. The RSC imported its own lighting rig direct from England and, with a job-lot of chairs and rugs, created an enticing 1,300-seat theatre. This was to be the company's first open-air production appropriate when you think that Shakespeare's Globe was itself open to the elements. The elements in Pakistan, of course, are a little



The RSC took its own lighting rig to Pakistan, but had to move seats into the Gaddafi Stadium

different from those on the South Bank. As the production unwound in the balmy evening, you could allow your attention to be caught by the rasp of cicadas, the occasional moped-drone of a passing rickshaw and, once, the call to prayer from a distant mosque. As an added diversion some of the lights dipped on and off in the final scenes.

The travails of touring, It turned out that after a hasty rewiring job in the morning desperate measures were still necessary. "During the show there was a very brave man

holding a circuit breaker on until his fingers became burnt," explained Jasper Gilbert, the production manager. "At which point he let it go and the light flickered until he held it back again."

Not that the audience lost concentration. In fact they contributed to one of the more moving experiences I have been privileged to have in the theatre. Towards the end of the show the chastened characters enter an Abbey, one by one. The first knelt and crossed himself before stepping through the doors. The audience spontaneously ap-

plauded this show of humility, and they gently clapped every exit thereafter - a demonstration of what a Pakistani actress had previously described to me as the renerosity of Islam.

The next day, in front of Lahore's Badshahi Mosque, the grandest in the country, two Pakistani students learnt that we were from England. The sun never sets on the British Empire," one of them said, approvingly. It was oddly touching, so wrong yet not quite false. ■ The Comedy of Errors is at the Young

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Clint Dyer has the unenviable task of prising emotional and psychological yardage from Ben's slide from jailed innocent to stigmatised free man. To his credit Dyer nails several key moments of frustration and growing resentment, but at other times his performance is so self-effacing you almost expect him to evaporate in front of your eyes.

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It is a desperately claustrophobie but entirely predictable scenario. Even when Ben wins his freedom after a high-profile campaign, stage-managed by his doughty white girlfriend, Sally (Emma Tate), the family fall-out proves as unbearable as prison. While his perky brother Martin (Ryan Romain) and Sally potter off to Mexican restaurants. Ben sits and stews on the family's sofa. haunted by the taunts of his former cellmates, jealous of his brother's growing intimacy with his girlfriend, and running his grievances like a reel of loop-to-loop tape through his imagination.

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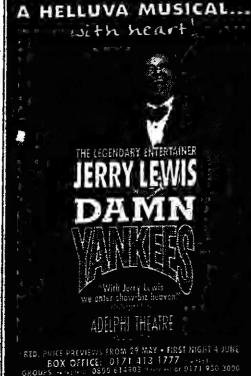
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All the help Parliament prescribed

Alf Morris says entitlements for

the disabled should not be eroded

ready to bust a gut standing for Parliament when you can change the law without being elected even to a parish council?" That is what disabled people are asking as they reflect on the election and weigh the impliruling by the Law Lords.

The ruling allows local authorities to circumvent the statutory duty, imposed on them by the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970, to provide home care appropriate to the individual needs of Britain's 6.9 million disabled people. Spending decisions, not statutory duty, say the Law Lords, can now dictate whether or not they reorive the services Parliament intended for them.

The Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation says the ruling is having a "devastating" effect on community care. They cite its consequences for the elderly man in Gloucestershire whose right to the services for which he had been assessed, upheld by the Court of Appeal, has now been removed by the Law Lords. Michael Barry, aged 81. has had several heart attacks, is visually impaired and since fracturing his hip.

has relied on a zimmer frame to shuffle about his home as best he can.

Gloucestershire County Council's social services committee was asked to assess Mr Barry's entitlement to services under the Act.

It decided, with scant risk of being charged with profligacy, that he needed a home-carer to call twice a week for shopping, a pension. laundry, cleaning, plus meatson-wheels four days a week.

That was the help he was receiving until a cut of £2.5 million was made in the council's grant from central govnowhere near enough to meet demand" for services. Along with 1,500 other disabled people in the county. Mr Barry was told that his needs could

no longer be met. The five Law Lords involved in the decision to back the council did so by a majority of three to two. But their decision does not dispose of what has now become a cause célébre. Indeed, one organisation for disabled people has already said: "We are gong to take this on to the Court of Human Rights. The Law Lords' ruling is not just tragic: for some it

As the architect of the 1970 Act, I welcome their resolve. For while the Law Lords speculate about "what Parliament intended" at the time, as if Hansard were published in some indecipherable prehistoric language, no one who has read the parliamentary debates on that Bill could possibly think it was Parliament's intention that Mr Barry should be treated as

inhumanely as he has been. My principal concern, strongly backed on both sides of both Houses of Parliament throughout those proceedings, was to end once and for all a pot-luck system of help for disabled people that had more to do with where they lived

X I hy were they all so than the extent and urgency of their needs. But a reversion to that discredited system is precisely what the Law Lords'

ruling will now achieve.
Only Lord Lloyd of Berwick's judgment showed any proper grasp of what Parliament intended, when he said: "Parliament cannot have in-tended that the standards and expectations for measuring the needs of the disabled in Bermondsey should differ from those in Belgrave Square." But he unfortunately, was in the minority of two.

The Law Lords drew attention more than once to the Act's having been a Private Member's Bill. But what difference does that make to its status? Once a Private Member's Bill becomes law, it is as much an Act of Parliament as any Finance Act. To think otherwise is to bank not just up the wrong tree but in the

As something of a compul-sive legislator, I now confide to the Law Lords that none of my output was more ably drafted than the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act. This was due not least to help freely given to me on a voluntary basis by one of Whitehall's most senior and distinguished

parliamentary draftsmen of the post-war years, now sadly deceased. His Lords to say meaned by this judicial decision. Mixing questions

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questions of how we pay, what we provide and if it can be afforded are not for judges to determine, and must not be allowed to dilute or distort statute law on social rights won for the least fortunate of our fellow citizens. To leave councils to decide whether they are short of money, which does, is to guarantee that in some areas less and less will be spent in an already gravely under-funded aspect of social policy. This is judge-made aw, power without account-

y Conservative successors as minister for the disabled agreed with me that the services provided for under the Act are mandatory. Sir Hugh Rossi, for example, instructed Liverpool and Wandsworth councils to meet forthwith their statutory duties to hun-dreds of disabled people who were being kept in queues waiting for resources to become available". Now the queues are back. More and more disabled people are be-ing denied the help that Parliament intended them to have.

ability at its worst.

There was some criticism in the general election of a perceived lack of difference between the contestants. But here is an issue on which few would object if all parties in the new House were to speak with one voice to reassure millions of disabled people, who now distressed and fearful of the future, that the Act they call their own will be quickly restored to full effect. The author was the first

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With his present momentum, Tony Blair can do no wrong, but the trajectory won't always be upwards

Lamelots in one lifetime. President John F Kennedy symbolised youth, energy and hope to the postwar generation. Foreign statesmen flew to Washington to borrow a free rays of his halo. The world's pressure about him as though he were a Hero-leaders are like sky-rockets wrote about him as though he were a filmstar rather than a politician. Even many of his political opponents saw him as "grace in action". He always had some critics who thought he was superficial, half-educated and

his rise to power in the early 1930s that he felt "like a sleepwalker" who could make no mistake. His glory period lasted eight years, from 1933 until the invasion of Russia in 1941. Napoleon Bonaparte had a longer period of triumph, from 1799, when he became First Consul, to 1812, when he invaded Russia. There is a natural limit to these periods of heroic leadership, yet when they are in their early stages they are almost irresistible. They correspond to a deep public yearning for golden leadership. The heroic leader is a Jungian archetype.

Their careers have three stages. The first is the most individualist, in which the hero either creates his own party, like Caesar or Hitler, or succeeds to the leadership of an established party, like John F Kennedy or Tony Blair. The second stage, which often misfires, is the one in which the leader takes his party to power. Two very different hero-leaders in British 20th-century history. Oswald Mosley and David Owen, failed at that stage; David Owen came much the closer of the two to succeeding, and can indeed be regarded as the Social Democratic precursor of Tony Blair. The third stage is power, when the hero-leader first demonstrates heroic govern-ment. That leads to a climatic victory, the Battle of Agincourt for Henry V. the Cuban crisis for Kennedy. Tony Blair has only just entered the third

stage, and has yet to meet his dragon. Yet Tony Blair has already achieved lift off. In one week he has received the almost sycophantic ap-

plause of his fellow European heads of government, the apostolic blessing of Margaret Thatcher, whose natural successor he has become, and the acceptance by the President of the . United States of a symbolic attendance at a British Cabinet meeting. I think that no American President has ever before attended the Cabinet meeting of a foreign power. Roosevelt would not have done that for Churchill: Eisenhower would not have done it for Macmillan; perhaps Reagan would have done it for

William Rees-Mogg

Thanher, if she had thought to ask. So far this is the manipulation of symbols. But Tony Blair understands, as all the successful hero politicians have understood, that symbols persuade the public to give power, and that only then can power be expressed in action. In Mein Kampf Hitler describes how he designed the Nazi flag, with the swastika and the old German colours of red, white and black. A dentist from Heidelberg visits him, they squat on the floor, they try out

during his campaign to symbolise that he is as much the heir of Thatther and Churchill as of Attlee. He offers himself as the symbol of national unity, blue tie, purple back-drop, Union Jack. He understands the power of the aesthetic in public

The nation gave him a great elec-tion victory; statistically, it was not quite as great a victory as it looked --Tony Blair in 1997 won fewer votes nationally than John Major in 1992, a fact of little importance now, but not quite to be forgotten. The nation now wants him to succeed, in the Thomas Carlyle spirit of heroes and heroworship. The nation is not at all interested in opposition, nor even in recent criticism. Anatole Kaletsky may well be right that the early econ-omic decisions are blunders, but the nation is not listening. Tony Blair could get away with much greater blunders than those, even if they are blunders, because the nation, is willing him forward.

The negative is no longer news.
Labour ministers could take parcels full of fibres from the proprietor of Harrods; they could dance naked with their teenage mistresses on the dome of St Paul's: the nation would still, for the present, smile as on the antics of an indulged boy child. The politics of rational detail plagned the previous Government, but are no threat to this one.

various sizes of white circle cut in How different Europe looks. The paper on the plain red background of other major European politician, the flag. Tony Blair wears a blue tie Chancellor Kohl, saw off Margaret

Thatcher and dominated Jacques Chirac, as surely as Bismark overcame Napoleon III. Now Chancellor came Napoteon III. Now Chancelor Kohl is the old man, approaching the end of his career, while Tony Blair is just at the start of his. A month ago, the British saw Europe as an arena in which they would always be defeated. That may still be true, for Germany is much more powerful than Britain. Yet now the British are starting to feel that they have the strongest leader in Europe, the young man, the herofigure, the man of the future, the Prime Minister with the large majority. Both his freedom in terms of British opinion and his bargaining power in Europe are of a different order to anything enjoyed by his

The Blair rocket will not always be rising in the sky. Like Thatcher, like Kohl, it will start to run out of fuel, the trajectory will level off, at last the rocket will plunge back to earth.
Probably Tony Blair will win two
terms in office; three is more difficult. Yet this is his moment of greatest acceleration. The first three weeks have demonstrated that he is as adept as dramatising government as he was at dramatising opposition. Per-haps in the future he will become bogged down in Europe, will fall out with Gordon Brown, will see unemplayment rising, or will lose the confidence of the new class which voted for him. He will almost inevitably suffer from the hubris of heroes, even though he recognises

that it is a danger to him. Yet his greatest problem is that a hero has to do heroic deeds. With the largest majority for more than 60 years, and a golden image, he cannot justify himself by any humdrum level of success. He has to measure up to the hopes of the public, something that John F Kennedy never quite managed. Tony Blair faces the challenge, and perhaps ultimately the tragedy, of the great expectations he

Just play along for now

The Tories must

regroup, says

Peter Riddell,

but it is no time

for fixed positions

party that suffers a land-slide defeat loses control over its future. In the language of markets, it becomes a price-taker tather than a ker. It no longer decides the agenda. That brutal lesson has yet to be understood by many Tory MPs. Of course, a defeated party should update its organisation and policy. But these are necessary, not sufficient, conditions. The timing of any Tory recovery will be primarily

determined by Labour's record.

The Tories have suffered two previous landslide defeats this century, in 1906 and 1945. However, the May I rout was worse, since the Tory share of the vote was far lower. Ingenious attempts have been made to suggest that the result was not as bad as it looked because of the lowest turnout since 1935, and "temporary" Tory absentions. But this is mostly wishful thinking. Many Labour supporters also stayed at home, and there was substantial direct switching from Tory to Labour. Moreover, the electoral system now helps Labour rather than the Tories. And by contrast with the late 1940s, the Tories will not have the benefit of a redistribution of constituency boundaries, which is reckoned by John Ramsden, a leading historian of the 20th-century Tory party, to explain about a third of its

gains in 1950. Some common features have been present in all Tory recoveries. The prolific Anthony Seldon plans to folow his biography of John Major this autumn with a book on "How Tory Governments Arise". He lists six factors: a revivified party organisation; a programme realigned with voter preferences; either a new or a reinvigorated party leader; a tired or



divided government; a sea-change in intellectual or popular opinion; and a record of demonstrable failure by the party in government. The balance has varied, and not all factors have been present on each occasion when the Tories have recovered, apart from a tired or divided government with a record of failure.

The identity of the Opposition leader has seldom been of critical importance - although admittedly this has changed in the age of television elections. Tory leaders have had a miserable time in opposition coping with a frustrated and sullen party, as Balfour found from 1906 until 1911, Baldwin in 1929-31, Sir Edward Heath in the late 1960s and Margaret Thatcher in the late 1970s. Neither Heath nor Thascher was personally very popular on becoming Prime Minister. In the late 1940s,

even Churchill faced regular rum blings of criticism of him as an aloof and often absent leader, so that Eden. had to take over the day-to-day running of the Opposition.

The key is to demonstrate that the

party has learnt the lessons of defeat, has not become extreme and has changed, as Tony Blair has shown so successfully since 1994 with his emphasis on the newness of Labour, This involves both organisation and policy. The success of Lord Woolton as Tory chairman in the late 1940s was in making membership of the Tory party a normal part of middleclass life, especially for younger people. The peak Tory membership of 28 million in 1951-52 will never again be attained, because in face of

many other attractions political parties no longer fulfill the social function they did. Nonetheless, the Tories membership of probably well below half a million is a recipe for continued decline, especially as it is ageing and is linked to a collapse in the party's local government base. The case for one member, one vote: involvement in future leadership elections is not just to provide democratic legitimacy but also as an

incentive to job. Some Tory MPs are wary of Mandelsonisation, copying the glitz and gloss of Labour's Millbank Tower. But that misses the point, Labour's campaigning techniques were, for the first time, ahead of the Tories, but these would not have worked without the deeper changes: the rise in membership, self-discipline and the

tions when you have no control over the changing political landscape. In the 1940s, the Tories accepted the welfare state and control over utilities, but campaigned against further nationalisation and against perva-sive state controls with the slogan "Set the People Free". Now, the Tories have understandable worries about devolution, but it is going to happen, certainly in Scotland and probably also in Wales. So taking a wholly negative attitude is risking political irrelevance. Instead, the Tories should prepare to take part in the elections for a Scottish parliament and a Weish assembly — as well as for the new mayor of London — as part of their recovery. Similarly, the Tories would be foolish to say "never" to a single currency when any decision to take part is likely to be taken by Labour. If monetary union succeeds; and Britain enters, there will be no mileage in calling for withdrawal if it fails, then the Tories will benefit anyway.

lesson is not to take premature posi-

Tories have now but lacked in 1906 and 1945 is that the new Government has broadly accepted the spending and tax framework that it inherited The Tories can argue that only they can really control public spending and produce a competitive economy.

Above all, the Tories have to be patient. As the historian Stuart Ball has written of the Tories' recovery in the late 1940s, "the changes in policy were mainly adjustments in emphasis and improvements of presentation, while most of the organisational reforms continued established trends. The Conservatives' return to office owed more to the problems of the Labour Government than to any action on their own part". Of course, the Tories might not have returned to office if they had failed to update their image and recruit a wider membership. There is plenty for the Tories to do now to make themselves an acceptable alternative (and several tempting paths for them to avoid), but their real opportunity will not come until the Blair Government starts making big mistakes.

Defenderess

mer husband, the Princess of Wales is next month to visit Shri Swaminararvan Mandir, a Hindu Temple in Neasden, north-west London, to which Prince Charles made a well-publicised visit last year. The Princess, who was compared to a Hindu Goddess by Nepalis after she visited a leprosy hos-



Diana follows in Charles's footsteps - to Neasden

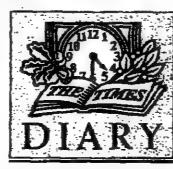
wishers in the Prayer Hall, Diana's audience will be noticably smaller. "She is coming at Ham, so most people will be busy at work," says an official. "We are only expecting about 400 people." By way of con-solation, she will be given a plastic model of the temple to take home.

● Two of our most formidable female barristers are to appear in court against each other in a battle over employment rights at Lambeth Council In one corner, fighting on behalf of the council, will be Cherie Booth, QC; in the other will be Presiley Bowendale, QC, the elegant inquisitor of the Scott inquiry. Although the case concerns the reorganisation of special teaching units, the public benches are expected to be packed.

Inconvenient

SANITARY problems are threatening to undo a sit-in by the National Federation of Cypriots outside the Turkish Embassy. The protest spot on the povement in Belgravia has been manned around the clock for 275 days by protestors demanding

Turkish withdrawal from Cyprus. They have a van stocked with raincoats, biscuits and orange



But when they tried to put up a £3.500 portable lavatory. Westminster Council's patience snapped: They told us that we would need a licence for it and that it was unsuitable for the area," says Federation Secretary, Andreas Karaolis. "The nearest facilities are half a mile away in Victoria Station."

Westminster Council is adamant: "Why should we grant permission for an ugly loo when people have to wait years for permission to crect a small statue?

Numbers up

THE SHEER number of inexperienced Labour MPs may lead to the introduction of electronic voting in the House of Commons. The new ruice, and a brazier to boil their tea. and bewildered Members have no

idea of form, and may need an easier system than going through the lobbies. No definite decisions have been made," says an official in the Serieant-at-Arms office, "but long divisions may be a problem."

Electronic voting was suggested when the Chamber was rebuilt after the war, but was dropped when Members complained that it would rob them of a chinwag with other MPs. It was rejected again in 1958. This time round, oppositioncomes in the formidable form of Tony Benn. "It it a preposterous idea." he thunders. "People would. press each other's buttons."

Vulgar intent

NOUVEAUX RICHES parents of Etonians have provoked outrage. by planning to crect a two-tier marquee at the school on June 4, the annual speech day. Traditionally, families unpack picnics from the back of their cars on Aga's Plough, one of the school playing fields, as their urchins play cricket and row. This year, a group known as the Hong Kong Set have decided to dub together and splash out. A. hundred guests will be invited to:

the marquee, where there will be a

champagne reception upstairs and

a seated luncheon downstairs. "The

sons are mortified," says a school sneak. Usually, the worst a parent can do is to bring out a picnic-table or arrive in a Jaguar. God knows how they li live this one down."

Pumped up

FRIENDS OF Laurie Lee are campaigning to bonour him with a drinking fountain in Boets' Corner at Westminster Above. The monu-ment would be carved out of granite and dispense water from the



How long have you felt the urge to be Tory leader?"

Abbey pumps. The idea was Laurie's," says a friend. "I discussed it with him and promised to do something about it if he died before me." - Among those lending their support is the weighty writer John Mortimer. "Splendid," he says, but cider seems more appropriate than water." The Chapter House. however, is implacable: "It's a preposterous notion. People do not consume food and drink in the

Wrong Guy

MYSTERY surrounds the identity of an amiable cove trawling the pubs around York claiming to be Schastian Faulks, the author of Birdsong. The imposter has been signing copies of novels by Faulks. to whom he bears a startling re-

From a hostelry in the shadow of the minster, one publican said: "We were convinced it was him. He even started doing some writing in the pub. Faulks himself is at a complete loss. "I understand York . . . is a lovely city," he observes. "But Twe never actually visited it. I've no idea why anybody would start uni-



A WORD IN HIS EAR

Blair takes notes from the Thatcher Guide to Europe

One of the cruellest traditions of the British political system is the immediacy with which a defeated administration is cleared out and a new one installed. There is no time for transition; no papers from the outgoing government remain to guide the next. This is government by blank sheet, a problem compounded when the new regime is staffed almost entirely by ministers with no experience of office.

So it is good news that Tony Blair felt able to cast aside old enmitties and considerations of party competition to invite to 10 Downing Street his predecessor but one. In an hourlong discussion with Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister talked mainly about foreign affairs, receiving the benefit of Lady Thatcher's advice about negotiating in Europe.

Negotiation is a skill that can be transferred from one forum to another, which is why Mr Blair appointed Doug Henderson Minister for Europe. But what is singular to each confrontation are the personalities involved and the ways in which tactical alliances are forged. In these areas, Lady Thatcher has first-hand knowledge, drawn from many painful bargains. She could give Mr Blair a head-start, equipping him better for the critical EU summit in Amsterdam

John Major, too, called in his predecessor but one, James Callaghan, soon after he took office. In his case, the previous Prime Minister was the one person from whom he could not take advice, lest she be accused of "backseat driving". Mr Blair, too, would be unwise to draw counsel from Mr Major, he made exactly the mistake in Europe that Lady Thatcher warned against - opening negotiating battles that were impossible to win. On qualified majority voting and the beef ban, Mr Major talked tough, only to back down under pressure. His relations with his party and his European "partners"

were never the same again. Mr Blair is particularly in need of advice in these matters. Most Prime Ministers start tending to develop a taste for foreign affairs in their second term or even later. It is easily forgotten that even Lady Thatcher only became genuinely interested in "abroad" after winning her third election in 1987.

Before that, she was drawn into certain foreign difficulties, such as the Falklands War and Britain's budget negotiations in Europe. But Europe was otherwise virtually paralysed by what was known at the time as Eurosclerosis", allowing Lady Thatcher to include her domestic passions for defeating the trade unions, privatising nationalised industries and trying to conquer inflation.

Mr Blair does not have the luxury of dedicating his first term to domestic affairs. Passionate as he may be about education or spending the proceeds of the windfall tax, he has to concentrate on next month's Amsterdam summit, in any number of areas of which he could be tripped up by heads of government more experienced and crafty than he. Next January, Britain takes over the presidency of the EU, and the Prime Minister will have to take the critical decision about whether to join economic and monetary union in the first wave.

It is not accidental, of course, that news of this "secret" meeting leaked to the press. As well as reassuring sceptics in Britain, the meeting is intended to give notice to the other EU governments that Mr Blair's lack of experience may not be exploitable to win concessions that would have been withheld by such veterans as Lady Thatcher.

The suggestion that the Prime Minister intends to pick her brains again is as promising as it is politically calculated. The message from Mr Blair is that he is prepared to listen; to reach out beyond the normal party boundaries; and not to be constrained by tribal protests from his own side. All these innovations are welcome. But the proof that her words have been heeded and acted upon will be apparent only if Mr Blair emerges from Amsterdam with a deal our more interested in domestic policy, that matches Britain's national interests.

TIRED OF REVOLUTION

Disaffected Iranians turn in a massive protest vote

In the theocratic Islamic Republic of Iran, and decent jobs for the young unemployed. Muhammad Khatami, the cleric elected. He united left-wing Islamic militants, with 69 per cent of the popular vote to succeed President Rafsaniani in August, hardly ranks as an outsider. He has been actively involved with Ayarollah Knomenu's Islamic revolution ever since his days as a theological student in Qom, was for ten guidance and ran on a platform of Islamic socialism. He would not have been able to run at all had he not passed muster with the powerful Council of Guardians, one of only four candidates in a field of 238.

Yet no one in Iran doubts that the result is a challenge to Iran's "supreme guide", Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and the hidebound religious conservatism he represents. He had made no secret of his preference for Ali. Akbar Nateq-Nouri, the Speaker of the Majlis, Iran's Parliament; in earlier years that would have made Mr Nateq-Nouri's election a foregone conclusion. Instead, he scored a humiliating 25 per cent.

Listening to Mr Nateq Nouri's Militant Clergy faction and Mr Khatami's Militant Clerics outbidding each other in militant Islamic anti-Western rhetoric, foreign ears may detect little to choose between them: But lranians, more concerned by domestic battles, saw their first real choice since the 1979 revolution and turned out in force.

Mr Nateo-Nouri stood for even tougher policing of female dress codes and the rest of the dreary, intrusive and arbitrary constrictions of religious rule. Mr Khatami openly argues for greater personal freedoms, respect for the rule of law in place of the arbitrary exercise of power, women's rights

technocrats and most women. Above all, Iranians can vote from age 15 and he won over the 40 per cent of the electorate too young to remember either the Shah or the revolution, for whom the religious establishment is incompetent, out of steam and out of

Iranians have voted for economic reform as well as ideological relaxation. They may get neither. The diehard majority in the Majlis has hastened to turn coat and declare support for Mr Khatami; but that is not the only obstacle to reform. Religion secondguesses politics in Iran and in a system of dual control so bizarre that it even includes a Council of Expediency to mediate between the politicians and the religious "Guardians", Mr Khamenei has his hand on all the strongest levers. He is likely to use them against any Khatami reforms that threaten the clergy's substantial vested interests as ruthlessly as he has frustrated most of President Rafsanjani's cautious modernising gestures. As for foreign policy, that is controlled by the Supreme Security Council on which the President's voice is weak.

Power games at the top will therefore continue unresolved, at the expense of ordinary Iranians tired of revolution and even more exhausted by the strain of doing two or more jobs to make ends meet. As the diehards fight their corner, Iran may become still more intractably belligerent towards the outside world. The West may hope for better under Mr Khatami; but it should expect no early transformation of Iran into a country with which it can safely attempt to deal.

CRISIS IN THE KIRK

Scotland's Presbyterians should have faith in themselves

usually the sign of a body in decline. Of ... course, reform can be the precursor of renewal; but only if the institution preserves faith in itself. That, sadly, does not seem to be the case in Scotland, where the Kirk is considering reforming its internal structure to bring back bishops.

The suggestion that the Kirk should reestablish the episcopate comes from the minister charged with advancing ecumenicalism, the Rev Duncan McClements. With the traditional Scots preacher's gift for the arresting, if not in this case attractive, metaphor he argued, "There are issues in all churches that function like gallstones in the bile duct - whenever they make their presence felt, the patient suffers pain. For us Presbyterians, still stuck in the time warp of royal abuse of episcopacy in the 17th century. bishops are one such issue."

By suggesting that his opponents think with their bile duct and are stuck in the 17th century Mr McClements follows the fine tradition of temperate Scots debating celebrated on the eve of the Sabbath in many a public house. Support for the Presbyterian form of church government is neither irrational, nor anachronistic, and it is a pity that Mr McClements appears to think so little of his Church's traditions as to imply it. It is not the maintenance of traditions, but their constant questioning, which unsettles the faithful and has seen church-going decline. Scotland's attachment to Presbyterianism

A-preoccupation with internal reform is reflects its people's democratic temper. The election of ministers and moderators, and the character of the church which results. has, over time, ensured the Kirk a higher level of attendance than its English sister. The country's 17th-century rejection of bishops was but part of a broader assertion of national character. Scotland's education system, literary culture and society are all shot through with democratic traditions. Scots recognise that rank is but the guinea stamp and the mitred head is likely to be as muddled as any other.

Closer union between churches is desirable but the Kirk's character should not be sacrificed. There may be pastoral arguments for the episcopacy, but the Church cannot stand for eternal truth if it alters its traditions for administrative convenience. A belated conversion to episcopacy might lead some to conclude that bishops were legitimate throughout. The only converts such a

stance might make would be to Rome. Pluralism needs to be defended, in religion as much as politics. The character of the British people has been tempered by the strong voice of Protestant witness, from Reformation to Disruption and Cranmer to Macleod, as much as it has been enriched by Catholic tradition, whether Roman or Anglican. Presbyterianism is not central to Protestantism but it has ensured a valuable voice has remained strong. Whatever reform of government occurs in Scotland, the spirit of the Reformation should survive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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defence exports

From Major-General Alan G. Sharman, Director-General of the Defence Manufacturers Association

Sir, I fully endorse your leading article of May 14, "Horizon tour" (see also letters, May 19), The Government must move quickly to remove the uncertainty created by its foreign policy "mission statement" and be specific about its policy on defence export licencing.
The United Kingdom already has

some of the most stringent defence export regulations in the world. Industry fully accepts these regulations, recognising that only the Government is in full possession of the facts necessary to make a judgment in these matters. The issues are invariably complex and include treaty obligations, regional relationships, economic factors and human rights considerations. The latter, 100, require a judgment on whether they can best be influenced by working with a particular regime or against it. Thus government must

However, business works on facts. At the earliest possible moment, and in full consultation with the DTI and the Ministry of Defence, the Government must declare whether it intends to add to the list of those countries for which it will not grant licences for the export of defence equipment.

The test case is, of course, Indonesia. Indonesia imports about £500 million of UK products and services a year, only 25 per cent of which are defence related. It is part of the close-knit Asean alliance with its partners Brunei, Thailand, Malasia, the Philippines and Singapore, with some of whom the UK maintains direct defence treaty obligations.

These countries are within the most rapidly growing economic region in the world. Between them they import billions of pounds' worth of UK imports and account for tens of thousands of jobs in this country. A change in relationships with one or more of these countries may have far wider consequences than at first envisaged.

The previous Government positively encouraged defence exports to the Asean region and industry made plans and investments accordingly. industry will, of course, respect any changes the new Government wants to make; but it must be given early and specific advice as to whether or not the export licencing regulations are to be substantially amended.

Yours sincerely. ALAN SHARMAN. Director-General, Mariborough House, Grayshott, Surrey.

Labour and hospitals From Mrs Wendy Mead

Sir, "Health service funds should be spent on caring for old people and not old buildings," argues Mr Simon Car-

ter (letter, May 21).

He should be reminded that at Bart's Hospital, for instance, the extensive internal and external restoration of an ancient building is costing millions and is resulting in first-class facilities for patient care. Lottery or health-service funding is not required. the costs being mer by special trustees who administer the vast donations from benefactors for the preservation of Bart's, given over almost nine cen-

The trustees release £10 million per annum, not just for the upkeep of the buildings but for state-of-the-art equipment, research and post-graduate teaching grants - at no cost to the taxpayer but of huge benefit to patients and the Treasury.

Yours faithfully, WENDY MEAD, Spokeswoman,

The Save Bart's Campaign, PO Box 822, Aldersgate Street, ECl. May 22.

Value of education

From Dr Avner Offer Sir, Robert Skidelsky (Farewell, wel-

fare: now what?", May 21) argues that education should be financed by user charges, because that increases freedom and choice. Perhaps, but it is not as likely to improve standards as he expects.

For parents, the choice is between their own consumption now, and benefits to offspring many years hence. For all but the well-off, virtue is not an easy path. At lower incomes. pressing needs are greater, and the deferred benefits of education less compelling.

Families already invest heavily in children, and are not as stable and secure as they used to be. Consumers will choose less education than children and society require. That is why education is everywhere subsidised from taxes.

Yours sincerely. AVNER OFFER (Reader in Recent Social and Economic History), Nuffield College, Oxford. May 21.

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Need for clarity on Early evidence of the Holocaust

From Professor William D.

Str. It would be quite wrong to derive the impression that documents released this week by the Public Record Office provide evidence that the Holocaust began earlier than was previously believed (reports, May 19 and 20).

All standard histories of the Nazis' mass murders of the Jews correctly state that they began with the German invasion of the USSR in June 1941. Martin Gilbert's Atlas of the Holocaust contains dozens of maps detailing these killings on a village-by-village basis.

Any suggestion that the killings in the Sovier Union were unknown in the West would be similarly false. On the contrary, these killings received widespread press publicity throughout the world, including the whole British press, within a few months of the German invasion. By September-October 1941 the killings were reported in Jewish underground newspapers published in the Warsaw ghetto, although the ghetto had been sealed from outside contact for a year.

A third and equally false impression exists that Winston Churchill and other Western leaders could have inferred from these early reports that Hitler had in mind killing every Jew in Nazi-occupied Europe. In fact, the

process did not spread from the Soviet Union to other parts of Europe until after the Wannsee conference of Nazi leaders, in January 1942, and apart from those in the USSR there were no mass killings of Jews by the Nazis in Europe until 1942, six months after the British Government became aware of those in Russia.

Finally, it is still widely believed that with knowledge of the Nazi intentions Churchill and the British could have done something to deter or pre-vent the "final solution". That too is

In mid-1941 Britain had been fighting alone for over a year and still faced every likelihood of a German invasion. It had no troops within 1,500 miles of the western Soviet Union and no planes capable of reaching past Berlin, let alone to the Ukraine or Belarus.

Tragically, the only accurate answer to the question "What could the British have done in 1941 to prevent the Holocaust?" is: nothing.

Yours sincerely, WILLIAM D. RUBINSTEIN (Professor of Modern History), University of Wales. Department of History and Welsh History, Hugh Owen Building. Aberystwyth, Penglais, Ceredigion.

Legion membership

From Mrs J. E. Campbell

Sir, I have been interested to read your correspondence on the need to expand the role and membership of the Royal British Legion (letters, May 14 and 19).

A motion that those who served in the Women's Land Army should be allowed to join the Legion as ordinary members was proposed and readily accepted at the RBL's northern conference last November. It was put forward to be discussed at the Legion's annual conference next weekend, and printed in the provisional agenda for the annual conference, along with 23 different motions from other branches around the country. We have now learned, to our dismay, that only the four motions proposed by the Legion's national council have been accepted for discussion.

There are many valid reasons why the Women's Land Army — which was finally disbanded in 1953 should be accepted for membership: not least the fact that in two world wars, by rectifying an agricultural policy in shambles, it rescued Britain and her fighting forces from starva-

tion. But no progress can be made

whilst the Legion's national council adopts such a closed-shop policy.

JACKIE CAMPBELL (Member, Royal British Legion), Boxtree, Thornton Dale, Nr Pickering, North Yorkshire. May 19.

From Mr Warwick H. Taylor

Sir. As an ex-Bevin Boy, I thoroughly endorse Lord Lewin's view (letter. May 19) that wartime Bevin Boys should be represented at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remem-brance at the Albert Hall and in the march past the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday.

We received official recognition from the Government in 1995 when we were part of the official VE- and VJ-Day commemorations, and feel that it is now perhaps a little churlish still not to be recognised by the Royal British Legion.

Yours faithfully, WARWICK H. TAYLOR (Archivist. The Bevin Boys Association) Pilgrims Cottage, 7a Abbey Street, Cerne Abbas, Dorset. May 20.

Funding the Tube

From the Director of Transport and Planning of London First

Sir, Your leading article, "Labour Underground" (May 17), is right to highlight the urgent need to tackle the drastic underfunding of London's Tube network. Delayed, overcrowded and cancelled services have become a regular feature of the 2.3 million journeys (not 23 million as your leader had) taken every day.

However, the three possible solutions you put forward of extra public money, privatisation and the Private Finance Initiative, do not occupy watertight compartments. A problem as complex as the underfunding of London's Tube to the tune of £1.2 billion over the past 40 years would necessarily need to draw on elements of

What is clear is that public money is required immediately to undo the damage caused by cuts to the network in the last Budget. With that pumppriming in place, attention can focus on how to mobilise private-sector investment to get money flowing back

into London's Underground. As a group campaigning on behalf of business in the capital, London First is now working on how to structure a new basis for financing transport in this city. We hope to publish our proposals shortly.

In the process, sacred cows such as the distinction between the public and private sectors and Treasury opposition to ring-fencing tax revenues for specific purposes may have to be dealt with. Old orthodoxies will have to be

discarded if government and business are to forge a new partnership for funding London's infrastructure.

Yours sincerely, IRVING YASŠ, Director, Transport and Planning, London First, Caxton House, 6 Tothill Street, SWI. May 20.

From Mr David Briginshaw

Sir. You are correct to say that the Tube carries more passengers per day than the national rail network, but of course passengers on the national network travel much further per journey than their counterparts on the Underground. In 1995-96, passenger-km on the national network totalled 29,215 million compared with only 6,337 million passenger-km on London Underground. This is a more meaningful comparison of how productive the two networks are.

The idea of a London levy to pay for transport infrastructure could work well. A similar system in Paris, a levy on businesses in the French capital. has produced an excellent rail nerwork. If London had had such a scheme then CrossRail and London Underground's planned Hackney-Chelsea line would have been built many years ago, and we would now be discussing how to fine-tune the net-

Yours faithfully. **DAVID BRIGINSHAW** (Associate Editor). International Railway Journal, PO Box 8. Falmouth, Cornwall.

Opera House costs

From the Chairman of the Royal Opera House Trust and Development Appeal

Sir, Architecture is a subjective matter about which everyone within and without the profession has an opinion (Andrew Hamilton's letter, May 21). However, I must defend the determination and commitment which my colleagues on the board and the staff and supporters of the Royal Opera House have shown towards its re-

The fact that we have raised over 60 per cent of our £100 million appeal target in less than six months demonstrates that many share our belief that the restoration and extension of the Opera House are essential. The lottery grant will account for less than a third of the cost of the scheme and cannot be applied to the expenditure before July 1995, which has in fact realised £23 million worth of assets, primarily in the form of retail pro-

perties. The development is within budget

- over 85 per cent of the construction contracts are now let or tendered at today's prices - and on programme for completion by December 1999 as scheduled. Russell Street and Bow Street will not be "desecrated", as Mr Hamilton claims. The site was occupied by a car park, some unlisted buildings and a temporary cafeteria.

Already rising in their place is the Royal Ballet's first permanent home. including decent rehearsal rooms, a studio theatre for new choreography. small-scale opera, education and outreach work, new public spaces including the restored Victorian Floral Hall and the completion of the Covent Garden Piazza to Inigo Jones's original concept.

All of this will contribute immensely to the life of the community both locally and nationally. Surely a cause for celebration, not condemnation.

Yours faithfully. VIVIEN DUFFIELD, Chairman, Royal Opera House Trust and Development Appeal. Covent Garden, WC2.

Blue football fan could be in the red -

From His Honour Judge Ian Trigger Sir. Your main front-page photograph today shows an apparently distraught lady from Wrexham lamenting the retirement of the Manchester United

footballer. Eric Cantona, Next season she could derive considerable consolation from transfer-ring her allegiance to her local football team at the Racecourse Ground. She could mingle amongst the home supporters still sporting her red shirt without feeling any discomfort. She would not have the travel costs to Manchester and could discover the joy of watching football at grassroots level without the exorbitant cost of ai-

tending a match at Old Trafford. And if she should miss the chant of Ooh aah Cantona" we would willingteach her the proper syntax of Brian Flynn's red and white army and "Joey, Joey, tell us the score", thus paying proper tribute to the honest and long-serving management team in place at Wrexham.

Yours faithfully IAN J. C. TRIGGER, Queen Elizabeth II Law Courts. Liverpool.

Ban on 'Crash'

From His Honour Judge Keith McHale

Sir. The overruling by Westminster Council of the film board's classification for Crash is not, as you report (May 22), the first example of the exer-

cise of et an power. In. a think, the 1950s the council overruled the dren haird by giving a "U" certificate to a man about a naturist camp — probably because the nudes had their backs to the camera or carried something strategically

Yours faithfully, KEITH McHALE. Oak Lodge, 141 Albemarle Road. Beckenham, Kent.

Sibling rivalry

From Professor Emeritus C. R. Banden

Sir. The arguments for the advantages or disadvantages of being an unly child ("Solos who made it big". Weekend, May 17) might be more convincing if Genghis Khan were exclud-

ed from your list. Genghis is recorded as having had three blood-brothers and two halfbrothers. He did, though, have a quick way with sibling rivals. Mongolian chronicles tell how he and his brother Khasar, as young lads, murdered their half-brother Begter, complaining that the latter had stolen the

fish and birds they had caught. This family discord naturally upset their mother, but did not impede Genghis's rise to fame.

Yours faithfully. CHARLES BAWDEN. 19 Richings Way, Iver, Buckinghamshire. May 17.

Busy beasts

From Mr Douglas Jackson

Sir, Your Diary story today ("Among roses") conjures up a delicious image of downtown Los Angeles, where supermodel Linda Evangelista is strug- . gling to grow a British garden - alas.

The streets are filled with people rushing around doing errands. Every time one of these gofers passes Ms Evangelista's garden it pops over the wall and snaffles one of her 160 roses. Soon they are eaten, every one. Meanwhile, I suppose, the gophers

Yours faithfully. DOUGLAS JÁCKSON, 79 Mountside Crescent, Prestwich, Manchester, May 21.

go hungry.

'Re-branding' Britain From Professor Ian Hindmarch

Sir, If the suggestion (report, May 10: letters, May 21) to remove "Great" from "Britain" were to be followed for country identification plates on cars. then we would all become indistinguishable from "The Belgians". Surely, this could not be allowed to happen.

Yours faithfully. IAN HINDMARCH, University of Surrey, Human Psychopharmacology Research Unit. Milford Hospital, Godalming, Surrey. May 21.

European viewpoint

From Professor Alec Eden

Sir. I was surprised and disappointed that your report today on the EU summit did not feature a photograph of Tony Blair sitting on Chancellor

Yours faithfully. ALEC EDEN. The Thatched House, Mead Road, Torquay, Devon.

Marriages

The marriage took place on Wednesday, May 21, in Hamp-shire, between Lieutenant Commander Gary Lydiate, RN, and Miss Louise Halbert.

Mr. Alan Macbeath, youngest son of the late Professor Alexander Macbeath, and Dr Elaine Paulson-

Harry Paulson-Rayworth. The Rev

A reception was held at Moness

Dr the Hon J.C.W. Marshall

and Miss E.R. Clanauson.

The marriage took place on Saturday at Gleneraig Parish Church, County Down, Northern Ireland, of Dr the Hon Jonathan Marshall of Goring and of Lady Marshall of Goring of Goring-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, to Miss Esther Cingamond, eldest daughter of Mr.

Cinnamond, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Cinnamond, of

Belfast The Rev N. Jardine

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Sharen Murray and Miss Anna Wells. Mr Chris-

nopher Kissane was best man.
A reception was beld at the Clandeboye Hotel, County Down, and the honeymoon will be spent

and Miss E.R. Cinnamond

Licutenant Commander G. Lydiate, RN, and Miss L. Halbert

Mr A. Macheath and Dr E. Panison-Box The marriage took place on Saturday. May 24, at Aberfeldy Church of Scotland, Perthshire, of

A Gunn officiated

House, Aberfeldy.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 24: The Queen visited the Municipal Buildings. Stirling, this evening and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Stirling and Falkirk (Colonel James Stirling of Garden), the Rt Hon Donald Dewar MP (Secretary of State for Scotland) and Mr John Paterson (Provost of Stirling

Her Majesty toured the build-Her Majesty toured the buildings meeting Councillors staff and couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary this year, and attended a Reception.

The Queen afterwards visited the Church of the Holy Rude and was received by the Minister (the Reverend Morris Coulit.

Later The Queen arrived at Stirling Castle and was received by the Hereditary Keeper (the Earl of Mar and Kellie) who presented to Her Majesty the Key of the Castle.

Argyll and Sutherland High-landers (Princess Louise's), was also received by Major General David Thomson (Colonel of the Regiment) and was entertained to Dinner at the Regimental Head-quarters in the Castle to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of Her Majesty's Coloneky-in-Chief.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK

May 25: Princess Alexandra. accompanied by Rt Hon Sir Angus Opilvy and attended by Captain Neil Blair RN. left Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon to carry out engagements in Japan.

On arrival at the Airport, Her Japan (Mr Hiroaki Fujii) and Sir John Margetson (Special Repre-sentative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth

Birthdays today

Mrs Susan Baird, former Lord Provost and Lord-Lieutenant of Glasgow, 57: Miss Helena Bonham Carter, actress, 31; Miss Zola Budd, athlete, 31; Miss Gill Coleridge, literary agent, 49; Mr Jeremy Corhyn, MP, 48.

Mr Roy Dotrice, actor, 72: Sir David English, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief, Associated Newspapers. 66: Sir Peter Fry, former MP. 66; Mr Howard Goodall. composer. 39: Mrs Judith Goodland, Head Mistress, Wycombe Abbey School, 59; Mr Anthony Greener, chairman. Guin-

Mr Alan Hollinghurst, novelist. 43; Sir Kenneth Jones, former High Court Judge, 7h; Sir Patrick Records. Duchy of Cornwall. 39 Miss Peggy Lee. singer. 77; Mr Alec McCowen. actor, 72; Lord Mayfield, 76: Mr Michael Portillo. former MP. 44: Mr David Prich-

Sir Colin Sampson, former HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, 68; Mr Ian Sparks, chief executive, The Children's Society: 54: Lord Stevens of

Wing Commander Sir Kenneth Stoddart, former Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside, 83: Mr Philip Treacy, lashion designer, 30; Mr Glen Turner, cricketer, 50; Air

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Henry Vane, par-liamentarian, Hadlow, Kent. 1613; Sir William Petty, political economist, Romsey, Hampshire, 1623; John Churchill, ist Duke of Mariburough, soldier, Ashe, Devon. 1650: Nicolaus Zinzendorf, leader of the Moravian Church, Dresden. 1700; Sir George Staunton, writer. Salisbury, 1781; Edmund de Goncourt. novelist, Nancy, France. 1882: Mary, Queen Consort of King George V, Kensington Palace, 1867; Al Jolson, singer, Seredzius, Lithuania, 1886.

Sir Eugene Goossens, compose Wayne, film actor, Winterset, dramatist, Semley, Wiltshire, 1908. Canterbury, 604; Samuel Pepys, diarist, London, 1703; John Curwen, music educator, founder of the tonic sol-fa system, Manchester, 1880; Charles Mayo, surgeon. Chicago. 1939; Lincoln Ellsworth, explorer and engineer, New York. 1951; Jacques Lipchitz, sculptor, Isle of Capri, 1973: Mar-tin Heidegger, philosopher, near Lake Constance, 1976: Tamara Karsavina, prima Beaconsfield, 1978. El and E2 banknotes were first

issued in England, 1797. The American Civil War ended, Michael Barrett, a Fenian, was

executed in London, the last public bishop of Canterbury 597-604. strike was made in Persia, 1908.

Memorial services

Professor David Krith-Lacus A service of thanksgiving for the life of Professor David Keith-Lucas, former Chairman of the Airworthiness Requirements Board, was held on Saturday at Emberton Parish Church, Buckinghamshire. The Rev Simon

Weeden officiated.

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Mr Christopher Kelth-Lucas. son, read the lesson and Mrs Mary Benjamin, daughter, read an extruct from The Detert by Minnie Keith-Lucas, son, paid tribute and Lord Kings Norion gave an

Representatives from Cranfield University, the Aeronautical Society, the Mechanical Engineers Society and many friends and

Professor C. Colin Smith A service of thanksgiving for the life of Professor C. Colin Smith, Emeritus Professor of Spanish at Cambridge University, was held on Saturday in St Catharine's College Chapel, Cambridge.

The Rev Dr David Goodhew

Professor Nicholas Handy read the lesson. Dr Eric Southworth read The Pilgrim Path to Santiago by Colin Smith and Dr Geoffrey Walker read extracts from Delight by J.B. Priestley. Dr Brian Powell

Members of the family, the Master and Fellows of St Catha-rine's College with senior memfriends were among those present.



Fatima Whithread, the former women's javelin world record holder, and Andrew Norman, a former promotions officer for the British Athletics Federation, at their wedding on Saturday at the Church of St John the Evangelist in Copthorne, West Sussex

Today's royal engagement

Tribute to

'forgotten'

soldiers

By JOHN YOUNG

THE British Korean Veterans

Association is seeking more than £10,000 to help to estab-

lish a memorial to the 1,078

British servicemen who lost

their lives in the Korean War.

South has flourished as

Because it took place far

from home and because Brit-

ish interests were not seen to

be directly threatened, it is

often referred to as "the forgot-

ten war". British troops, many of them young National Servicemen, fought alongside the

Americans and other Allies

under the flag of the United Vations in frequently appail-

The memorial will form

part of the National Memorial

Arboretum within the new

National Forest at Croxall in

Staffordshire, An avenue lined

with trees representing the

United Nations will lead to a

circular site of about six acres,

within which the association

plans to sponsor an acre plot

on which trees of Korean

origin will be planted. It is

hoped that the memorial can

be dedicated in time to mark

the fiftieth anniversary, in

2000, of the beginning of the

Contributions to The

Appeal, the British Korean

Veterans Association, Project

2000, should be sent to Alex

Walker, the project co-ordina-tor. at 17 Gaseford Avenue.

Worksop, Nottinghamshire,

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The Prince of Wales will attend a service in Canterbury Cathedral at 10.50 to mark the 1400th anniversary of the mission of St Augustine to England and the foundation of Camerbury Cathedral.

Church news

Appointments Canon Maurice Burtlett: to be a Canon Emeritus of Blackburn Cathedral on his retirement on

Hostilities lasted from 1950 July 31. to 1953 after an attempted The Rev Dr William Beaver, Director of Marketing for The Industrial Society, and Curate (NSM). St Mary, Redcliffe, w responsibility for the Avonmouth clocks parish of St Andrew (Bristol): to be Director of Communications. Communist coup backed by China. They ended with an agreement to partition the country, since when North Kores has remained impoverished under what is probably ications, Church House, Westthe harshest Communist regime in the world, while the

The Rev Anthony Carr, Curale, Taverham w Ringland (Norwich): to be Priest-in-charge, South Darley, Elson and Winster

The Rev Thomas Emmett, Vicar, Bywell, St Peter: to be also Priestin-charge, Mickley (Newcastle). The Rev Andrew Evans, Honorary Curate, Cricklade w Latton: to be Assistant Curate, Biddestone, Castle Combe. Grittleton w Leigh ford, West Kington and Yatton Kevnell (Bristol).

The Rev Barbara Fletcher, Assistant Curate (NSM), The Old Church, Smethwick: to be Assistant Curate (stipendiary), The Old Church, Smethwick (Birm-

The Rev Martin Gorick, Vicar, The Old Church, Smethwick: to be also Dean of Warley (Birmingham). The Rev Peter Halls, Vicar. Brooke, Kirstead, Mundham and Seething w Thwaite: to be also Acting Chairman of the Diocesan Board for Mission and Unity (Norwich).

The Rev Stephen Jones, Vicar, St George, Harold Hill (Chelmsford): to be Vicar, St Mary, Kippington The Rev Dale Kendrick, Assisti

Curate, Blakenhall Team Min-istry: to be Assistant Curate, Stafford Team Ministry (Lich-

The Rev Jean Kings, Honorary Curute, All Saints, Fishponds: to be the incumbent, Christ the Servant, Stockwood (Bristol).

Sparrows followed the horse 3,000 years ago

THE sparrow is such a universal feature of our environment that it is difficult to imagine a place without it: yet it was introduced into North America only in 1852, and until now was thought to have been absent from Scandinavia until the Middle Ages.

Fresh evidence from the Bronze Age site of Apalle near Stockholm has shown that the "spadger" was already there nearly 3,000 years ago, with starlings, jackdaws, magples and crows. Per Ericson, of the Swedish Museum of Natural History, suggests that spar-rows moved northwards in

company with horses. The insects that prey on horses, as well as their feed, encourage the omnivorous sparrow to live near the animais, and "it seems reasonable to suppose that the introduction of the two species to Sweden might have been simultaneous", Dr Ericson's team suggests. Until now the earliest evidence from the region had been from medi-

eval times. Even so, Scandinavia's sparrows arrived late. They are known from the latter part of the loe Age in France, Spain, and even Britain. Given the lack of insects in cold conditions, the birds must have relied on other food sources. Food rather than breeding sites seems to have been the main factor governing sparrow population in rural northern Europe, and the opportunities offered by farms and their animals may account for the species' enormous success and wide distribution today.

Source: Journal of Archaeological Science 24: 183-190.

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Nature notes

MANY male birds are helping their mate to feed the young in the nest, and are singing less often than they were earlier in the month Most of them will sing stendily again in June, when the female is sitting on a second.

clutch of eggs. Willow warbler pairs now have four or five greenish nestlings in their domed nest under a bramble or tuft of grass. They call softly in a nearby bush, flicking their wings nervously, before they go down to the nest with a beakfull of issects.

Gold finches are later breeders, and their first eggs are just being laid in mossy nests at the end of swaying

are out of their nests and flying round with their parents in noisy flocks.

Trees are turning a darker green, and small conkers are already forming on the horse chestums. More flowers are coming into bloom. Along grassy roadsides there are clumps of campion and the first purple mallow flowers. Along river banks, comfrey hangs its white or pink heads among its large leaves, while

yellow flag stands tall.
Small tortoise shell butter flies that marrived the winter are laying their eggs on stinging nettles; the new brood will be flying in July. DIM

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Professor Colin W Clark, Professor of Mathematics, Bridsh Columbia University, Canada.

Professor Alan Rardwick Windle, Professor of Mattrials Science and Head of Department, Cambridge University. en Graham Charles Wood. Professor Graham Charles wood, Professor of Christion Science and Engineering, and Pro Vice-Chapcellor of UNUST. Dr Richard Dean Wood, Principal Scientist at the Imperial Canter Fessearch Fund, South Minums.

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DEATHS

PLIMITY - Cuthburt Cocil Beale, aged 86. Proceduly at Frethey House Nursing Home. Funeral Service to take place at Taunton Deane Crematorium at 12.30 on Friday 30th May. All enquiries to E White & Son Funeral Directors, 01823 272183. Family flowers only please, but donations to the Royal British Legion would be appreciated.

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pamphlets and articles, main-

ly about the lives of ordinary

working people and their lead-

ers, including Radical and Red Poetry, The Policies of

Hope and Chartism in

Manchester and Salford.

Frow was the researcher for

these works and Ruth was the

Cabinet Minister John Stra-

Book Club involved both in-

dustrial workers and liberal-

the time that it assisted the

Republican cause in Spain.

Although some dismissed it as

just a middle-class affair,

Frow always maintained it

had great influence on the

factory floor. He recalled how

on one occasion when, after

addressing a midnight meet-

ing with the night-shift in a

Manchester factory, he was

walked down the aisle by a

burly engineer who proudly

opened a cupboard to reveal

row upon row of Left Book

book collection was taken into

municipal control by Salford

City Council. It continues to

add to its resources and now

includes the oldest trade union

archive known: that of the

Brushmakers of the mid-18th

century. Both Frow and his

wife were awarded honorary

degrees by Salford University

and by the University of

Central Lancashire. Recently

the library received £200,000

from national lottery funds to

In his spare time Frow

enjoyed long walks in the

country. Even when he was

nearly 90, he and his wife

could still walk ten miles a day

in the Welsh Mountains

where they owned a caravan

develop its work.

in 1987 Frow's personal

book in their lives.

writer.

OBITUARIES

Edmund Frow, founder of the Working Class Movement Library and Museum in Salford, died on May 15 aged 90. He was born on June 5, 1906.

. s an engineer and trade union activist. Edmund Frow was dedicated to the struggle for workers' rights both on the streets and on the shopfloor. However, it is not so much for his militancy and moral stamina that he will be remembered as for the Working Class Movement Library which he founded - the result of some 40 years spent collecting the literature of the Labour movement in Britain.

Frow was an autodidact. His passion for collecting books began as "an insidious disease" but was to result eventually in the establishment of a valuable archive of working-class history. He and his wife - a schoolteacher would spend their holidays scouring the country in search of first editions, union minute books and union banners and documents, mostly to do with the labour and socialist movement of the last century.

They toured the country in a 1937 Morris van, stopping whenever they found themselves conveniently near a town, camping on verges and in fields. "In the morning," his wife recalled, "when we were. fresh and full of energy, we combed the shelves of unsuspecting booksellers. in the afternoon we lay in the summer sun, reading and gloating. ever our morning purchases. in the evening we walked, or possibly moved on to another bookshop. And when all our money had gone, or when the van was full, we returned to Manchester.

The rooms - even the bedrooms - of their semidetached home near Manchester United's ground in Old Trafford were stacked with volumes. Coachloads of visitors came from Labour parties and trade unions to be shown round. In 1973 the North West Labour History group was formed and its committee meetings were held

library. It was rehoused in Jubilee House, a magnificent spacious building by the university and the Lowry art collection. The Frows were given a flat upstairs so that they could continue their close involvement with the collec-

tion. Today visitors come from all over the world to see the remarkable collection of books, documents and union memorabilia. Stephen Edmund Frow was born into a farming family in Lincolnshire where his father tenanted a modest 18 acres. He left school at 14 and, after a year's industrial training course, began work as an apprentice in the drawing office of an engineering firm. He was to become a skilled

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leagues to have the finest kit of

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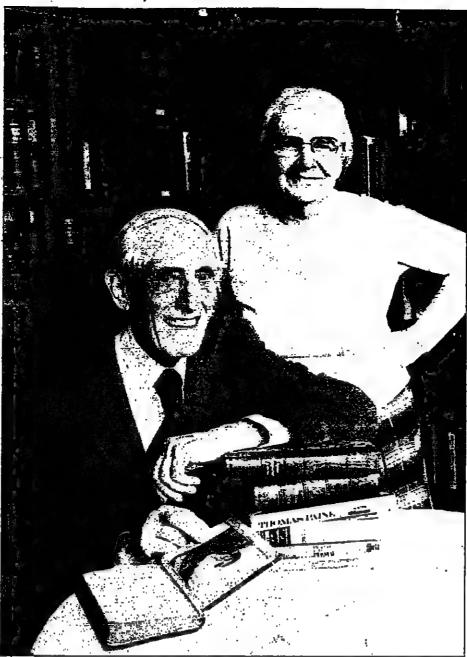
In 1924 he joined the Communist Party and when Frow decided that he ought to show his solidarity with the 1926 General Strike, although the engineers were not called out, he lost his job. Eventually, however, he finished his apprenticeship as a turner. But after working for two years in an engineering tool-room in Liverpool, he found himself

unemployed from 1929 to 1933. British industry had gone into a slump after the 1929 Wall Street crash. Many more than the official figure of 26 million were actually unemployed. In 1931 the Government introduced the means test and cut the weekly dole for a single man from 18 shillings to 15 shillings and three pence. Frow, living in Salford, had

become a prominent figure in the National Unemployed Workers Movement When, on October 1, 1931, there was a march by 10,000, workers through the streets of Salford to the Town Hall in Bexley Square to put the case of the unemployed to the council. Frow was there. The police met the demonstration with a baton charge in which many were injured and had to be taken to hospital.

Frow himself had his nose broken in the encounter. which became known as "the Battle of Bexley Square*. He Then, ten years ago. Salford was arrested and, after de-City Council took over the fending himself in court, was

EDMUND FROW



Edmund and Ruth Frow in their Working Class Movement Library in Salford

imprisoned in Strangeways for almost six months. Walter Greenwood, a Salford councillor at that time, based one of the characters in his Love on the Dole on Frow.

With an improvement in the British economy, Frow found work again. In the next 20 years be was to estimate that he held some 30 jobs, working at different times with such

Nor were his professional

was appointed to a number of

1972 to 1980 he served as the

British representative on the

companies as Ferranti, AV Roe and Gardner. In each he served as either shop steward or shop stewards' convenor. He was elected to the Amalgamated Engineering Union's national committee and later became the secretary for the AEU's powerful Manchester

Frow had met his wife Ruth at a meeting in Hastings.

district committee.

When she had invited him over to look at her book collection he had commented apparently. "your books and mine are complementary". Between them they pro-duced a stream of books,

and from that moment on had wooed her avidly. Before a week was out they had decided to marry. The partnership lasted more than 50 years.

for many years. He is survived by his wife Ruth and by their son.

PROFESSOR JOHN HEMMINGS

PETER CREIGHTMORE

Peter Creightmore, a Master of the Supreme Court, Queen's Bench Division, 1975-90, died on May 15 aged 69. He was born on January 15, 1928.

AS A practising barrister. Peter Creightmore represent-From its inception in the 1930s they enthusiastically supported the Left Book Club, ed John Lennon, George Harrison and Ringo Starr in the 1971 High Court action brought by Paul McCartney, which led to the eventual founded by Professor Harold Laski, the publisher Victor Gollancz and the then Combreak-up of the Beatles. His munist but future Labour responsibilities, as junior counsel to Morris Finer, QC, chev. Frow regularly sold copies of its book of the included having to draft affimonth" - costing half a crown davits for the three pop stars. As they seemed most at home - to fellow workers, many of whom had never bought a with a microphone, he got them to compile a three-hour tape - which he listened to Frow claimed that the Left one Bank Holiday weekend. distilling the material that he minded members of the needed. (Ringo Starr is said to middle class, especially during have asked him whether he

wanted it in stereo or mono.) Creightmore, who once shared the same chambers as Tony Blair and the new Lord Chancellor Lord Irvine, had a number of other contacts with the Beatles. John Lennon once consulted him over his idea for a record sleeve showing himself and Yoko Ono in the nude. When told what Lennon had in mind, Creightmore drily replied: "If you want to end up in prison, go ahead."

He also appeared in a number of high-profile divorce cases, representing one aggrieved wife who complained that her husband kept a gorilla in the basement. Another case involved a couple whose only son had 17 Christian names. On learning that neither party was quite sure who the father was. Creightmore observed in court: "No doubt they wanted to cover all eventualities." Peter Beauchamp Creight-

more was born in Hampstead. the son of an Australian doctor who was training at St Bartholomew's Hospital. The family later returned to Australia and Creightmore went to Geelong Grammar School, where he was a contemporary of Rupert Murdoch. A classical scholar, he then read Greats at Worcester College. Oxford.

On graduating, he worked

briefly for a pharmaceuticals firm before deciding to read for the Bar, being called by the Inner Temple in 1954. He was also commissioned in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Although Creightmore had built up a successful practice on the Oxford and Midland Circuit, he decided in 1975 against taking silk and instead accepted an appointment as a Master of the Queen's Bench. His aptitude for mastering detail and his patience made him seem especially well suited to the work, which entails the preparation of High Court cases before they come to trial in open court.



Creightmore was still better known, however, for his great kindness and unfailing courtesy both to litigants and to the junior Bar. Never fearful of puncturing pomposity, he once interrupted an eminent QC in full flow to remind him that he should first find a chair for his young female

opponent. His outside interests perhaps reflected the same qualities. These included cricket. the English countryside and music, especially Bach. While at Oxford he joined the university's Bach choir and in later years sang with local choirs near his Sussex home.

He suffered from diabetes and had been in poor health for some time - particularly since his brother's death. which affected him deeply two years ago. He finally retired for health reasons last December.

Peter Creightmore married his wife June 40 years ago. She survives him, together with a son and daughter.

PROFESSOR JAMES SCOTT

Professor James Scott. CBE, former regional medical officer for Trent Regional Health Authority, died of pulmonary tuberculosis on May 7 aged 65. He was born on July 3, 1931.

IN A life dedicated to the provision of better health care. James Scott worked in the National Health Service for 33 years, for the last 15 of these as regional medical officer for Trent. He was an energetic and inspiring leader.

He remained resolute and level-headed in the face of frequent reorganisations within the NHS, keeping always on his desk a quote from Petronius: "I was to learn later. in life that one tried to meet any new situation by reorganisation, and a wonderful method it can be for creating an illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency and demoralisation.

James Alexander Scott was born into a medical family and educated at Doncaster Grammar School and Trinity College Dublin, where he obtained degrees as Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Medicine, Surgery and Obstetrics...

Although a pathologist by training he was lured into medical administration by the littering promises of Enoch owell's A Hospital Plan for England and Wales, published in 1962. However, he did complete his doctorate in medicine on the detection and significance of melanogenuria

His first role as a medical at Derby and Lincoln.

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Alan Bavis Godkin, of Holloway.

Derbyshire' left estate valued at

Sir Edward Stephen Lycett Green.

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facilities for the expanding Sheffield University Medical School.



In 1971, aged 39, he was the youngest appointed to the post of senior administrative medical officer for the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board. This board was to become, two years later, the Trent Regional Health Authority and Scott was appointed its first regional medical officer.

Under his administration he transformed the provision of health care within Trent region, lifting it from the bottom to the top of the league tables. Dialysis and transplantation units were established at Sheffield, Nottingham and Leicester together with peripheral dialysis units

administrator involved him in the task of establishing the interests confined to the localfirst new medical school in ity in which he worked. He Britain this century, at Nottingham. He was also ennational committees and from gaged in the planning of the second new medical school at Leicester and in the provision of additional clinical teaching

hospital committee of the European Union and in 1981 and 1983 was elected to threeyear presidencies of this committee. He was a Europhile and could speak French, German and Italian. His final task was to assist his Trent colleagues in launching the region's breast screening programme. He followed this project through to comple-tion, despite the illness which forced him into early

retirement.

tinued to work for the NHS, notably in the appeals unit and as chairman of the Mid-Trent College of Nursing and Midwifery. He also estab-lished the Trent Medal — an annual award for excellence io the field of health care In 1974 he was made Special Professor of Health Care Planning at the University of Nottingham. He was appointed CBE in 1985 and also, in that same year, was made a member of the Royal College of Physicians. From 1980 to

Even in retirement he con-

1983 he was an Honorary Physician to the Queen. Outside work he enjoyed stamp collecting, reading and doing The Times crossword. In his fitter years he renovated a 17th-century cottage in the Dordogne.

James Scott is survived by his wife Margaret and by a son and two daughters.

Professor John Hemmings, French scholar, died on May 9 aged 76. He was born on December 13, 1920.

JOHN HEMMINGS was one

of the most influential scholars of French of his generation. In the 1950s he was one of the first English-speaking academics to work on newly accessible manuscripts and produce substantial work on Emile Zola. He soon came to be acknowledged as a leading authority on literature and culture in 19th-century France, continuing to enhance this reputation by publishing important volumes until shortly before his death.

Frederik William John Hemmings was born in Southampton, where his father, a headmaster, encouraged his interest in France from an early age. He took a First in French and German at Exeter College, Oxford, in 1941. After basic infantry training for the Army Intelligence Corps, he was posted to Bletchley Park for the remainder of the Second World War, being involved in deciphering communications traffic between German SS Army headquarters and Army Corps. Security was tight and only later did he learn that he had contributed to the work on

Enigma. Appointed as assistant lecturer in French at the University College of Leicester in 1948, he went on, in his 37-year career there, to play a significant part in the processes by which the institution expand-

ed nearly tenfold and became an independent university. He was briefly the first nonprofessorial Dean of Arts in 1963, before becoming the first holder of a personal chair at the University.

Having spent the 1966-67 session at Yale, it was with some reluctance that, in the middle of a particularly fertile research period, he took on the headship of French at Leicester in 1970. During a nine-year spell of imaginative leadership, he considerably broadened the base of undergraduate programmes and encouraged the development of many academic careers.

His first publication, building upon his earlier learning Russian and his Oxford D.Phil. was The Russian Novel in France, 1884-1914, issued in 1950. It was followed by his Emile Zola (1953), a critical study which did much to establish his reputation and was extensively updated in 1966. His eleven further books included a life of Zola (1977) and monographs on Stendhal (1964), Balzac (1967). Dumas pere (1979), and Baudelaire (1982).

His work on individual authors led him into the study of movements and socio-cultural phenomena in general, and he went on to write two considerable volumes, Culture and Society in France, covering the periods 1789-1848 and 1848-1898. In his retirement he turned to the relatively unexplored territory of the theatre world in 19th-century France, bringing out, in addition to a series of articles, The



tury France (1993) and Theatre and State in France 1760-1905 (1994). Work on a third volume concerning the theatre was nearing completion when his health began to fail at the end of 1996.

His devotion to his own

swerving, but this never stood in the way of other, broader types of commitment to the academic world and its values. For two years in the 1960s he regularly reviewed current English fiction for the New Statesman, and in 1966 he

helped to bring to England one of the first intellectuals to be permitted to leave the Soviet Union, Valery Tarsis an event that attracted extensive publicity. In the 1970s and early 1980s

he made a number of trips to Canada, to advise on the setting up of a centre for Naturalist Studies and on the publication of a series of French-Canadian texts. He always took great pleasure in his contact with students in Leicester, collaborating with them for a number of years in the production of French plays and teaching even the least gifted with inexhaustible patience and kindness.

He was a softly-spoken. deeply modest man, who inspired enormous respect and lasting affection in most of his undergraduates, postgraduates and colleagues. His quiet competence in university administration was arguably greater than that of many who actively seek out such responsibilities, and his humanity in carrying out all of his duties exemplary. He looked upon the expansion of university provision without hostility, but also without illusions. In his total devotion to his subject and to quality in all intellectual endeavour, as well as in his unselfishness and his ability to keep the extraneous and the secondary in perspective, he represented much that risks disappearing from British academic life.

He is survived by his second wife, Margaret, a daughter and a son from his first marriage.

Latest wills

Sir Charles Sopwith, former Sec-Leslie Henry Carthwaite, of ond Counsel to Chairman of House of Lords, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £457,322 neL

Ernest Sidney Bailey, of Little Aston, Sutton Coldfield, West Mid-Lady Bennett, of Liphook, Hampshire, left estate valued at £449,211 lands, left estate valued at

Lady Empson, of London NW3. left estate valued at £655,991 net. Sir Claude Hayes, Chairman, Crown Agents, 1968-74, of Chiddingstone, Kent, left estate valued at £269.864 net:

Lord Roskill, Lord of Appeal in Ordinary 1980-86, of Newtown, Newbury, Berkshire, left estate valued at £888,787 net. Alfred Alexander Harper, Profes

High Court judge, of Osborne
House, Isle of Wight, the only
judge to have presided at all 61
assize towns in England and
Wales before the abolition of the sor of Physiology, Newcastle upon Tyne University, 1963-72, of Newcastle upon Tyne, left estate valued at £599,862 net. assize system, Conservative MP for Chester 1940-56, left estate He left £1,000 each to 18 charities. Winifred Katharine Allardyce, of valued at £1,239,014 net Cheltenham, Gioucestershire, left estate valued at £1,541,181 net. She left £1,000 each to set charities and organisations.

Ida Muriel Chapple, of London N21, left estate valued at £1,599,600

net. William Holborow Clark, of Horsley, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £1,052,092 net.

Alec Kindred Cooper, of Fram-lington, Suffolk, left estate valued at £1.104.482 net. He left an area of freehold land to Framilingion Town Council.

Brian Maiden Croston, of Lytham, Lancashire, left estate of £1,306,994 net. Colin Thomas Freeman, of West Byfieet, Surrey, left estate valued at

F1.212.429 net.

He left £10,000 to All Saints' church. Woodham, and £5,000 to the church of St Mary the Virgin, Silchester, Reading. Desmond John Fry, of Chedzoy, merset, left estate valued at

£1.107.924 net. Belle Goldstone, of Hale, Cheshire, estate valued at £1,078,088 net. Samuel Snowden Housley, retired

farmer, of Retford, Nottingham-

shire, left estate valued at El 533,224 net.

He left £75,000 each to Bassellaw Hospice of the Good Shepherd, Royal Schools for the Deaf, Manchester, and the Masonic Foundation for the Aged and the Sick; £50,000 each to the Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys, Imperial Cancer, Research Fund, Southwell Cathedral, and the Chest Heart and Stroke Association; £10,000 to the RSPCA; £5,000 to the Parish Church of Ail Hallows at Ordsall Retford; £7,000 to 5t Paul's, West Drayton; £2,000 to the Benevolent Fund of the Union of Agricultural Workers, £1,000 each to Newark and Notts Agricultural Society, Tuxford Comprehensive School and Brackenhurst Farm Institute
Emily Jenkins, of Oldham, Lan-£1.533,224 net.

Emily Jenkins, of Oldham, Lancashire, left estate valued at £1.040.138 net. Arthur Cecil James Lambert, of Tibenham, Norwich, left estate of EI,158,911 net.

Eleanor Landreth, of St Helens, Merseyside, left estate of £1.040.488 net. Victor Bernard Levison, of London N20, left estate valued at

£1,393,960 net. Group Captain John Francis Newman, of Salthouse, Holt, Norfolk, left estate valued at £1,129,299 net Among other legacies he left £1,500 to the RAF Benevolent Fund.

CONSECRATION OF COVENTRY CATHEDRAL 'A HOUSE SPEAKING OF PEACE' From Our Special Correspondent

Coventry, May 25 With all the splendour that the Church of England can provide for its great occasions, the reborn Cathedral of St Michael was consecrated here today in the presence of the Queen by the Bishop of Coventry. Dr

Bardsley.
The culmination of seven years of work and the fulfilment of more than 20 years of faith and hope that the old building, destroyed during the last war, would rise again was witnessed by a congregation of nearly 2,000, who occupied every available place in the new building and a stand erected among the ruins of the old.

It was shortly after 2pm when the pro-cessions of archbishops, bishops and clergy with civic leaders began to enter the cathedral and they took nearly an hour to file through the glass west door. Heading the procession of deans and provosts was the Very Rev. R.T. Howard. Provost Emeritus of Coventry. who held office at the time the cathedral was destroyed and whose words 'We will rebuild', spoken the day after the air raid of November

ON THIS DAY

May 26, 1962 世间的

The bombing of Coventry in 1940 destroyed its cathedral. The new one was designed by Basil Spence; among the works of art were Graham Sutherland's tapestry, an Epstein sculpture and John Piper's stained glass

14, 1940, were fulfilled today. Exactly at what point the cathedral may be said to be consecrated is apparently debatable. At Coventry it is held to be something not fulfilled until after Holy Communion has been celebrated, but for most people the central significant sign is at that stage of the service when the bishop on the Gospel side of the altar marks the fabric in pencil with a cross of consecration, a simple cross in a circle to symbolise eternity.

It was after doing this that the bishop spoke the words which have become the key words of the new cathedral: The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former ... The words were taken up by the Archbishop of Canterbury when he gave the sermon.

Dr Ramsey in his sermon said that Coventry today echoed the words of the prophet: 'This house of God was elorious; now it will be more glorious still'. The new cathedral was, he said. a house in which all the arts and the craftmanship of their time had united: stone. wood, glass, metal, tapestry; the designer, the builder, the painter, the sculptor, a generation had made its offering of beauty in the service of God. Here, too, was a house into whose building had gone the zeal and the love of a whole community; it was the people's cathedral linking church and people together.

Here, too, was a house which spoke of peace, reconciliation nations which had been divided saw in it a sign that God could forgive God could unite and God could make men and nations brothers. It was a prophecy, for, as a new cathedral rose from the ashes, so a new world of partnership and brotherhood could, by God's goodness, rise from the miseries of the past. There already was a glory greater than the glory that was before.

As the great congregation moved out into the blustering evening, a queue of thousands was waiting to lile in to get their first glimpse of this

NEWS

Blair to have more Thatcher talks

■ Tony Blair will hold further consultations with Baroness Thatcher after the success of their first lengthy political discussion. As the Prime Minister prepares for a round of summit conferences, including meetings this week with President Yeltsin and President Clinton. senior aides said that he had struck up a good personal rapport during a wideranging one-hour chat with Lady Thatcher in Downing Street's _ Page I White Room...

Saudi judge pleads for nurses

■ The judge trying two British nurses accused of murder in Saudi Arabia made an impassioned appeal to the victim's family not to demand the death sentence. He gave the family three weeks to consider the court's request and adjourned the Page I trial until mid-June ...

French election

The French Left outstripped the ruling centre-right coalinon in the first round of parliamentary elections, bucking the polls and raising the prospect of a hung Pages I. II parliament ...

A-level delav

Tougher A-levels pushed through by the Conservatives are likely to be delayed by a year as new ministers pursue plans for a broader sixth-form curriculum. linking academic and vocational _Page 2 courses...

Dancing blue An Oxford student has become

the first ballroom dancer to be awarded a full Blue from either Oxford or Cambridge Page 3

Cyprus Aids case

The family of Janette Pink say she is "devastated" by allegations made in a Cyprus court by her former lover that she passed on Page 5 the Aids virus

Brotherly genes

Psychiatrists are seeking 25.000 brothers and sisters in a hunt for the genes that control depression and anxiety. The project is thought to be the largest in the Page 6

Teletubbles praised

Psychologists have praised a new BBC programme for children which mothers and educationalists have accused of "dumbing

Superfish

Genetic engineers have created fish that grow at three times the normal rate. The research aims to speed up production of tilapia, a staple food in the Third World... Page 9

The 8-stone 'puppy'

Tobin, a year-old Canadian timberwolf hybrid, was bought by his owners as a pup-sized "bundle of fun". He now stands 6 ft tall on his hind legs and weighs 8 st.,

Afghanistan alert

Russian helicopters patrolled the Central Asian border with Afghanistan backed by thousands of ground troops.....

Euro dithering

Germany's decision to revalue its gold reserves demonstrates how disoriented the political class has become, hovering between advance and retreat on the

Death row record

Texas will have executed eight condemned men during May, the highest monthly total for any state since the death penalty was restored in 1976..... Page 12

Iranian landsiide

The landslide victory of a moderare clergyman in Iran's presidential elections represents the most stunning political upset since Avatollah Khomeini ousted the down" to youngsters Page 8 pro-American Shah....... Page 13

Up and down the garden path

■ The most commonly asked questions on Gardeners' Question Time, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary are: How can I control vine weevils? How can I control slugs? Why won't my wistaria flower? How do I get rid of moles? How can I get rid of honey fungus? How do I banish moss from the lawn? How can I succeed with brassicas?....



The Atholl Highlanders — the only private army in Europe — march past Blair Castle on the way to the opening of the Highland Games

BUSINESS

Windfall: Andersen Consulting was forced to hand back £23 million over its work in providing a new computer system for the social services, a report will reveal this

Steel clamp: Thousands of suppliers across the UK are being urged to reduce prices as part of a mammoth five-year cost-cutting programme by British Steel .. Page 44 Away ticket: Chelsea Football Club

is in talks with National Express over plans to build a new railway station at its Stamford Bridge .. Page 44 ground. Co-operative set-back: Retail trad-

ing profits at the Co-op fell sharply last year, despite soaring high street spending on cars, petrol and

FEARIRES Danger money: Experiments sug-

gest that if drivers were made to pay according to the amount of time they spent on the road, they would be twice as likely to drive dangerouslyPage 14

Stellar visitor: A satellite launched by the European Space Agency in 1989 and designed to measure the precise positions of the stars has produced a star that seems to be heading our wayPage H

Skull story: The earliest known brain operation was successfully performed more than 7,000 years ..Page 14

Fast and furious: Keith Allen, one of Britain's most original and uncontrollable comic talents, has the reputation of a thinking woman's Oliver Reed ... Page 15

Melvyn Bragg: "My background in a small market town feit resonance from the older England. But the question is: has the countryside stopped feeding our imagination, just as it has drifted out of our collective life?" ____Page 16

High notes: The Royal Opera revives Trevor Nunn's problematic staging of Janacek's Katya Kabanova, and fields a magnificent cast...

Heat thing: Boz Scaggs brings a rare taste of real R&B to London in his Jazz Café gig

Cultural diplomacy: The Royal Shakespeare Company takes its production of The Comedy of Errors to Pakistan, and discovers that despite the cultural differences, the Bard finds his audience..... Page 17

TELEVISION OF THE PARTY OF THE

IN THE TIMES

Guitar boys: Mark

Knopfler and his

Notting Hillbillies

Frances Gibb explains

ARTS

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LAW

Cricios: Led by a superb attacking innings of 63 by 19-year-old Ben Hollicake, England won the third Texaco Trophy one-day international by six wickets... Pages 23, 27 Golf: Ian Woosman carries a two stroke lead into the final round of the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth roday after Nick Faldo three-putted on the 17th green then took two shots to get out of a bunker on the 18th Page 24

Rugby union: There were some important lessons for the British Lions to learn in the first match of their tour of South Africa, namely that they must learn to make their tackles count Page 29 Motor racing: Jacques Villeneuve

regained his lead at the top of the Racing: Desert King completed an Irish Guineas double for his young trainer, Aidan O'Brien, at the Curragh. The hot favourite, Revoque, was a disappointment...... Page 30 Footbell: - Crewe Alexandra chinched promotion to the Nationwide League first division by beat-

ing Brentford 1-0 in the second

3, 21, 23, 25, 26, 33. Bonus: 24 One ticket won £12,300,000: 18 won E145.710 for five numbers and the bonus; 1,016 won £1,613 for five. numbers; 63,974 won £56 for four;

Preview: Sue Lawley on the Spice * Girls phenomenon (BBC1, 7:30pm) Review: Peter Barnard on "the funniest thing for months" ... Page 43

A word in his ear

It is good news that Tony Blair felt able to cast aside old enmittes and considerations of party competition to invite to 10 Downing Street his predecessor but one ____Page 19

Tired of revolution

Iranians have voted for economic reform and ideological relaxation. They may get neither ____ Page 19

Crisis in the kirk

Scotland's education system, literary culture and society are all shot through with democratic traditions. Scots recognise that rank is but the guinea stamp and the mitred head is likely to be as muddled as any other Page 19

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The Blair rocket will not always be rising in the sky. Like Thatcher, like Kohl, it will start to run out of fuel, the trajectory will level off, at last the rocket will plunge back to ... Page 18 ·earth ...

PETER RIDOELL

The Tories have understandable worries about devolution, but it is going to happen, certainly in Scotland and probably also in Wales. So taking a wholly negative ettirude is risking political irrelevance. Instead, the Tories should prepare to take part in the elections for a Scottishi-partiament and a Welsh assembly - as well as for the new mayor of London Page 18

Edward From Labour movement mistorian; Peter Creightmore, Master of the Queen's Bench; Proessor John Hemmings, Prench

Defence exports. Holecaust: red days for football fans, British Legion; the TubePage 19

With the announcement of a new initiative on Bosnia, the Clinton Administration has signalled a welcome recognition that its efforts to bring a lasting peace are in danger of crashing

- The New York Times

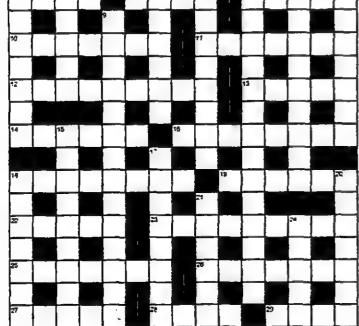
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- counter it in New York (8). 18 Grace not so apparent in a male
- crooner (3). 19 Woman securing information for
- husiness schedule (6).
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 - The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,488 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20

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- rods for cutting (9). 25 Burmese city made steady
- progress? Get away! (7).
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- epitome of smoothness (4). 29 A bit after Easter (4). 1 Solid girl in hollow must climb up
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- Christmas (5). 4 Propositions that he's established
- only partly (6). 5 Suggestive of payment including benefit (8).
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- 9 Be an expert and not just on alliaceous plants (4.4.6). 15 Carriers of poison in milk (9).
- 17 Pain-killers freely distributed? Yes and no (8). 18 Coarse material showing dollar
- sign (7). 20 Gold US investigators take time 10 raise (7). 21 Sort of chair quartet used, with
- adjustment to slew round (6). 24 Type of Celtic flower-girl supported by husband (5).
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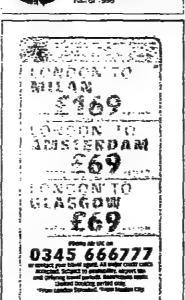
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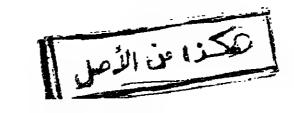
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Hollioake sweeps England home



Ben Hollioake cracks a boundary off McGrath on his way to 63 off 48 balls in the Texaco Trophy match yesterday

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CRECICET CORRESPONDENT

LORD'S (England won toss): England beat Australia by six wickets

FOR the cricket-minded Englishman, life gets no better than this - a sunny Sunday afternoon at Lord's, Australia being beaten out of sight and a teenager of audacious talent leading the rout. A capacity crowd seemed unsure whether to gloat with satisfaction or gawp in astonishment.

The Texaco Trophy had already been won, but England showed no mercy, securing their third six-wicket victory, through the ritual winning blow from Adam Hollioake, with an over to spare.

An Australian side that arrived a fortnight ago with the glow of invincibility now betrayed uncertainty and divisions, exemplified by the unexpected decision of the captain, Mark Taylor, to stand down from the game like a boxer seeking to avoid further

In Taylor's absence, probably temporary but certainly unsettling, Steve Waugh was left in charge of a side that no longer seemed to believe they could win. They fell short of a challenging score for the third match in succession and were then driven to fractious despair by a debut innings from Ben Hollioake.

Hollioake, remember, is 19, the youngest England player for 48 years, and his career extends to a mere five firstclass games. He is such a novice that he had never so much as visited Lord's but the team management backed their judgement, and his ability, by sending him in at No. 3. He was in as early as the

sixth over, with the captain gone for one, and in an hour of almost surreal cricket he made 63 from 48 balls, including Il fours and a six off Shane Warne. The ground stood and cheered when he departed. The Australians, who had chuntered and cursed with increasing vigour, just stood and stared.

You could hardly blame them. One Hollioake would have been more than enough, Adam having completed each of the two previous games with batting of contemptuous power. Now, piling insult upon injury, came the kid brother to mock them.

By last night, even the most philosophical of the Australians were struggling to sustain the impression that these games do not matter. Victory mattered enormously to Eng-



Gough celebrates trapping Mark Waugh leg-before

and credibility, but, for the Australians, the manner and margin of defeat can have done nothing but damage.

Their continuing problems centre upon Taylor, who decided overnight that his own cause, and that of his team. would be best served if he left himself out. He will not have done this lightly - no proud captain ever does - and whatever the merits of his view that two three-day games might now put him right for the first Test, it could hardly have been a more public admission of anxiety over his

Taylor's departure gave an opportunity to Matthew Elliott but it came to nothing. Elliott, the angular left-hander so reminiscent of Bill Lawry, failed to survive the opening over, edging to second slip to give Darren Gough the first of his five wickets.

This was no more than Gough deserved for his testing and largely unrewarded bowling in the previous games. It was also an appropriate fillip for the man who will lead England's Test attack.

They scored at a decent rate throughout their first 40 overs but lost wickets too fast. The pitch was blissful, the outfield surprisingly rapid and a total of 300 would have been no insurance against defeat. For Australia to approach such a position, it seemed Mark Waugh must score half the runs and when he was out to an off-cutter from Gough their hopes subsided.

serene control, scoring at a run a ball without apparent fluster, that the clatter of casualties at the other end seemed incongruous. Langer and Gilchrist both stayed with him for a time and there was some merry smiting from Kasprowicz but 269 was never likely to intimidate.

England, once more, had impressed in the field. Graham Thorpe took a marvellous slip catch, low and fully extended to his right, and Atherton's touch was confirmed when Nick Knight, on

placed at second slip just in time to cling onto a head-high edge from Michael Bevan.

As a bowler, his principal suit, Ben Hollioake was smooth, athletic and longstriding. It was a satisfactory debut effort but not a dramatic one. The drama was still to

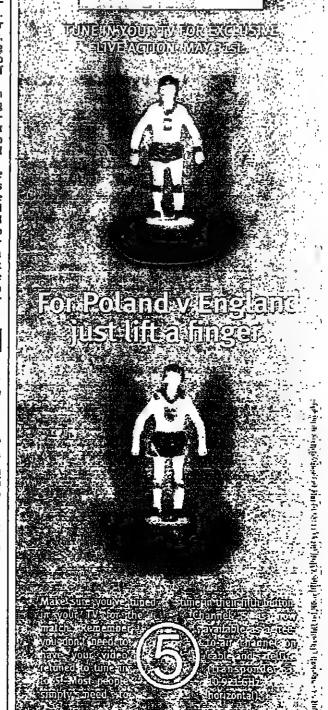
When Atherton was leg before to Kasprowicz, Hollioake entered belatedly, as if he might have got lost on his first lone excursion from the Lord's dressing-room. He quickly introduced himself, driving his third ball from McGrath straight for four. McGrath was not pleased and responded with a bouncer,

Championship view Brothers in arms Sunday reports .

rightly no-balled, and a glare. Hollloake grinned back boyishly.

At first he mixed clean and conventional strikes with air shots and it was difficult know which annoyed the Australians more. By the time he reached 50 from 37 balls, only three balls more than the Texaco Trophy record, the novice in him had been suppressed. Swinging Warne over mid-wicket for six was his crowning moment.

Stewart, Crawley and Thorpe all made runs as the target was picked off. They batted with the assurance that comes from playing in a winning side. They also knew that the headlines would be-



LORD'S SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA

*M T G Elliott c A J Hollioske b Gough 1

Total (49.2 overs, 211min) Score after 15 overs: 88 for 3.

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Silverwood 8-0-44-0 (w 1; 9 fours; 3-0-21-0, 3-0-23-0), Ealham 10-0-47-2 (5 fours, 6-0-28-0, 40-19-2), Croit 10-0-51-1 (w 3; 5 fours; 6-0-38-0 (rb 2 + 1 s. 2 fours, 5-0-24-0, 2-0-12-0); A J Hotitoske 6-2-0-35-1 (5 fours; 2-0-0-0, 2-0-12-0, 2-0-12-1)

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Colourful Sky seems set fair for the summer

A contrived and desper-ate attempt at jingoism it may be, but Britain. versus The World, as Sky has coined its summer series of live sports events, is not so bad with the advertising wrapper removed. There was as much. to enjoy in Sky's coverage of the Texaco Trophy at the Oval on Saturday as there was in watching England take a deci-sive 2-0 lead.

It began with the merciless flogging of a captain in chains and ended with the celebration of a freedom fighter. As Mark Taylor, the captain of Australia, struggled once again with the bat, Bob Willis, commentating, was parely with the tating, was ready with the lashes: Pressure is mounting on the Australian captain to produce some runs ... ! cannot think of an international player who has lost form as

long as Mark Taylor ...

mistimed again by Taylor ... just two runs for Mark Taylor in ZI bails received."

Willis refused to let go. Eventually, Allan Border, an Australian among four English commentators, felt the need for relief. "He has been scratching around a bit, but he is starting to hit from the ders at him rather than sing-middle of the bat," Border, ing his praises. Much less said. Oh dear.

In his next breath; Border was having to comment on the "comedy of errors" that saw Taylor run out. Who knows where the Ashes are going, but the salt poured over Taylor's wounds as Michael Atherton. his opposite number, scored 113 not out to see England to

A little salt also seemed to have fallen into Charles Colville's mouth, such was his . wards Atherton, barking orDAVID POWELL

TV ACTION REPLAY

on

Colville.

. Soon after lunch, Atherton

and Nick Knight ran four (a

light lunch, presumably),

subject of the pitch. "I have it

Charles Colville that, if they

use the whole playing area

here, it is the biggest in the world," he said. The surprise

was that Botham had to quote

Sky needs to liven up lunch. Half an hour of Alec Stewart

reminiscing over his two cen-

turies in a Test match in

Barbados would have been

better spent working harder

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ing his praises. Much less impressive than his cozy lunchtime interview with John Major, which ended with a chummy: "Thank you John.", "Thank you Charles."

Major's luck has turned since the general election. Chelsea, the football team that he supports, have won the FA Cup. and Surrey, his county, has as its captain Adam Hollioake, now impressing with England. However, the . Oval's playing area, in the condescending behaviour to opinion of the former Prime

on interviews. A few routine words from Robert Croft was insufficient. What did David Lloyd, the England coach,

The action replays, which put viewers ahead of the third umpire, and the use of the split screen to show how Knight was out playing identical shots at Headingley and the Oval. enhanced enjoyment, as did the tendency of the commentators to lean towards opinion rather than statistics.

The pace of commentary, lively but never overbearing, was in contrast to Alan Parry on the Tennents Scottish Cup final. Parry rarely pauses for thought, as if he is stuck permanently on one of his 100 metres commentaries. His excitement ran away with him over an apparent Falkirk equaliser. It needed Gordon Smith, his co-commentator, to

disallowed. This being a week when Bruce Oldfield-designed Nor-

point out that it had been

wich City shirts were unveiled with supermodel assistance, and the England cricket team was ordered to tidy up. dress was an issue. Sport on television has probably never been smarter

The referee and his assisiants at Ibrox wore striking red shirts, the Falkirk manager a kilt, and one of his players, Andy Gray, white boots. Sky fielded squads at Ibrox, Old Trafford and Wembley in jackets, collars and ties, not just the commentators but the invited experts as well, all topped off with a dash of South African colour. It was better to enjoy the rainbow than be showered by jingoism.

Atherton supreme, page 26

GOLF: CLARKE STAYS IN CONTENTION WITH 66 IN THIRD ROUND OF PGA CHAMPIONSHIP AT WENTWORTH

Woosnam leads as others go astray

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

FROM the moment the play- and completed the hole in four ers arrived at Wentworth last week and noted how one of . Europe's best golf courses had been toughened up, they knew they were going to find it hard to deal with. It proved so in the first two rounds of the Volvo PGA championship and was underlined again in the third round, in the morning, 31 men were under par; by the end of a day that presented almost ideal scoring conditious, that

number had fallen to 24. Only the best, and not all of them, had the strokes to cope with the West Course on a day when a gentle wind ruffled the flags and record crowds for this event thronged to Went-worth. This course is known as the Burma Road because it is a long hard slog and it is longer and more difficult than ever at present. "I have never known it as hard as this." Ernie Els. whose of moved-

him to nine under par, said. bogey in his 70. Nick Faldo finished six, five, also for a 70. Colin Montgomerie had three hogeys and two double-bogeys and looked to be far from the consistent player one has come to believe him to be. In an inward half of 35. Els dropped strokes on the 15th and 17th, Frank Nobilo, went to the turn in 40; had a run of successive buggys and had to finish with a blazing run of birdies to get round in 77.

For Stephen Ames, the difficulties that everyone was fac-ing manifested themselves in . When Els talks of the diffian unusual way. He had

strokes and thus moved to nine under par. So far so good. He was near the head of the

However, on that 12th green his ball moved as he prepared to putt it. That was a penalty of one strake. When he did not replace it where it had been he was penalised a second stroke hy John Paramor, the tournament referee. Thus was a 68

Woosnam is playing close to his very best. He has had only two bogeys and one doublebogey all week and this follows an impressive last eight holes in his last strokeplay event, at The Oxfordshire, two weeks ago. It is no surprise. therefore, that Woosnam is leading. II under par, one stroke ahead of Darren Clarke, who had a 60, and two ahead of Els and Faldo.

Clarke's 66 was his second' in this event and was not incident. Ha started with four successive birdies and then added four more, he dropped strokes at three of the four short holes. Clarke put in some intensive putting practice before his round and it paid off. "It's my mid-irons (-need to work on, Clarke said. He is on the brink of claiming a Ryder Cup place, standing at eighth in the money-list. With £1.1 million available at the event, he can surely claim a sizeable chunk of that in the final

culty of the Burma Road he reached the 12th green without. Rnows what he is talking any particular misadventures about because he finished



Woosnam was close to his best as he retained the lead with a 70 on the West Course at Wentworth yesterday

second to Jose Maria Olazahal in 1994 and has competed in and won the past three World Match Play Championships at Wentworth. During the Match Play the rough is up as it is now but the fairways and the greens are soft." Els said. Now they are firming un it is a perfect day for golf out there today but the greens are really

. Els was almost but not quite on song and those little slips cost him dear at the end of his round. The way he started he looked determined to bring the course to its knees, covering the first four holes in three under par. When Els holed from 50 feet on the 12th for an becoming very difficult. It was - eagle he had moved to nine under par,

Then came those mistakes, He missed a short putt on the

15th for a five and, having driven into the thick rough on the right of the 17th — what he called the "death trap" - he failed to get his par. Els's length often comes to his rescue and it did once again when he reached the 18th with a five-iron and holed for his second eagle in seven holes. LEADING THURD-ROUND SCORES (CS and the unioss stated): 205: (Woosmam 67, 68, 70 208: D Clarke 66, 74, 66 207: E Bs. (SA) 89, 71, 67, N Faldo 70, 67, 70 208: S

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Montgomerie mesmerised by Faldo masterclass

t was not a pretty sight. The West Course at Went-L worth, parched and pleading for water, totally and utterly defeated Colin Montgomerie vesterday. The path that he trod was a hot and dusty road to ruin. Even as his fortungs waned, so did those of Nick-Faldo wax. They started the day with only a shot between them — now there are

To watch Monteconerie wage a fortorn battle off the tee in this third round was to play the voveur, to cust a provient and slightly embarrassed gaze upon a man whose game was unravelling at the seams. He strove mightily to achieve some sort of detente with his woods and long irons; his

failure, sad to relate, was not even callant.

Faldo, on the other hand, was just Faldo. Which is to say defensive, straight, metronomic. almost regimental in his accuracy. To some, it might have been slightly redious, but only if wimessing anything being done almost to perfection can be called so. He even had a nosebleed on the 11th green, which came as welcome

proof that he is human. Time was when Montgomcrie admitted that he was in awe of Faldo, and after being a 'sulky pupil at the masterclass' that fuldo gave him yesterday, the feeling is that, for all Montgomeric's pre-eminence in European golf, that sense of inferiority persists.

Mel Webb on the gap that became a gulf between two of Wentworth's finest

It is amazing how Faldo seems to have the ability to put some sort of hex on his peers. He did it, tamously, to Greg Norman in the Masters in 1996, and now he cowed Montgomerie into submission with another performance of remote splendour.

Faldo was not happy with his round of 70. "I played really well from tee to green, but my putting was awful," he said. Perhaps that is why Faldo is the player he is nothing is ever good enough. If he were to go out today and shoot 62 he would still find something for which to criticise himself. Montgomerie would have

been delighted to have been given just about any part of Faldo's game. His putting never saved him in a miserable 76, but his real problem was off the tee. Time after frustrated time he missed the fairway -- he hit only three all day. As each wayward drive squirted off his clubhead, always to the right, his face grew longer, the look more thunder-. ous. He was on a slow boil. It would not have taken much to make the emotional cauldron

that bubbles away inside his head at times like this explode like a leaky geyser.

It is sometimes difficult to harbour sympathy for the Scot. He is not always his best friend when his golf does not do him justice. When it happens, he has a tendency to blame anybody but himself. He seems to feel that he is carrying within his sturdy frame something over which he has little control, to be switched on when he saunters onto the first tee and switched off again 18 holes later. It is just a piece of finely tuned equipment that very occasionally goes wrong and, when it does, well, it cannot be his fault, can it? All he does is

around with him and turn it

on and off. Things can only get better for Montgomerie today. He starts the final round nine shots off the lead and has only pride to play for. It will be intriguing to see how he responds to the challenge.

Faldo, on the other hand, can still win this tournament and give Severiano Ballesteros, the Ryder Cup captain, who is so anxious that Faldo should play his way into the team, something to salve the pain from his injured back. Faldo is playing with Ernie Els today, and the South African is not likely to capitulate without a struggle. If he does, perhaps there is something in the Faldo voodoo after all.

Angry Slaney denies drug allegations

MARY SLANEY, the United States middle distance runner, has spoken for the first time since she became immersed in a drugs controvery. Slaney said that the accusation that she had provided a positive drugs test at the Olympic trials last year was more painful than her infamous collision with Zola Budd at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

This is an attack on my integrity; it is an attack on everything that I believe to be good in the sport," Slaney said. The test revealed a high level of testosterone, but she said that that was because of normal hormonal fluctuations. Slaney, who won a silver medal in the 1,500 metres at the world indoor championships in Paris in March, said that it was ridiculous to think that she would start taking performance enhancing drugs at the age of 38.

Makinen takes victory

MOTOR RALLYING: Tommi Makinen, of Finland. retained his Tour of Argentina title by finishing just 6lsec ahead of Colin McRae, of Great Britain, in Cordoba. Makinen, in a Mitsubishi Lancer, finished the 250.2-mile third leg of the 722.4-mile event in 4hr 25min 38sec. at an average speed of 56.51mph. He now leads the world rully championship with 38 points, six ahead of McRae.

Bulls make final charge

BASKETBALL: Michael Jordan, right, scored 34 points and Scottle Pippen 21 as Chicago Bulls embar-rassed Miami Heat 98-74 in Miami on Saturday to take a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven National Basketball Association Eastern Conference final. Victory in the fourth game tonight, also in Miami, would put the Bulls into the NBA final for the fifth time in seven years.



South Africa defence

GOLF: Ernie Els and Wayne Westner have agreed to defend the World Cup team championship that they won for South Africa last year by a record 18 strokes. The pair, playing before a home crowd at the Erinvale Golf Club last November, ended a run of four wins in succession by the United States. The 1997 event will be held from November 20 to 23 at Kiawah Island, South Carolina.

Kenya first and second

ATHLETICS: John Kagwe, of Kenya, won the Pragu magathon yesterday, narrowly beating Jackson Klonge his compatriot, and Leonid Shvetsov, of Russia. Kag finished the race in 2hr 09min 07sec, just 4sec ahead Kipngok and 9sec in front of Shvetsov. He complain afterwards about the cobbled streets. "The stones are imetal; you can feel them in your spine," he said.

Spanish success

TENNIS: Albert Costa and Felix Mantilla led Spain to a 🚾 victory over Australia in the final of the World Team Cup in Düsseldorf yesterday, Mantilla beat Mark Woodforde 7-5. 6-2, while Costa overcame Mark Philippoussis 3-6, 7-6, 7-6 to give Spain their fourth title, equalling the record held by the United States. During the first set against Costa, Philippoussis set a record for the fastest service at 229kph.

Sorenstam cashes in

GOLF: Annika Sorenstam, right, the leading moneywinner on the US LPGA Tour, this year, won \$80,000 over the opening nine holes of the Skins Game at the Stonebriar Country Club in Frisco, Texas, on Saturday. Sorenstam, of Sweden, won four skins and birdied five of the first nine holes. Laura Davies, the all-time leading skins money-winner, failed to win a skin.



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Andrews powers home

POWERBOATING: Ian Andrews, of Great Britain, secured the first victory of the world formula three championship in the Hungarlan grand prix yesterday, denying Rudolf Mihaldinecz, the defending world champion, his fourth consecutive home victory. Steve Hill, another Briton, led in the early stages, but a steering problem midway through the race ended his hopes.

Konyshev sprints in

CYCLING: Dmitri Konyshev, of Russia, won a sprint finish at the end of the ninth stage of the Giro d'Italia in Cava de' Tirreni yesterday. He edged out Mariano Piccoli and Roberto Petito, both of Italy, after the 232-kilometre stage. the longest section of the three-week race to date. Pavel Tonkov, Konyshev's compatriot, still leads by 41sec from Luc Lebianc, of France.

Shot in the arm

RIFLE SHOOTING: The National Rifle Association made an encouraging start to their Channel Islands tour when they beat Guernsey by 14 points in what was, at times, a force nine gale. The wind was so severe that the match was brought forward for fear that the targets might be blown from their frames. Fit Lt Kate Martin, of Guernsey, won the individual event with 74 out of 75 for 15 shots at 600 yards.

Rostron solid as rock in final

By PATRICIA DAVIES.

KIM ROSTRON,' from eye was in when she lipped Clitheroe and Baxenden, won the English women's amateur championship for the first time at Saunton on Saturday. She proved too steady for Kate Burton, of St George's Hill winning an absorbing

final 4 and Z Rostron, 23, full of confidence after winning the Helen Holm at Troon in April. won the first two holes. Bur-(on had trouble with the ditchat the 1st and three-putted the 2nd after nobbling her second shot, but recovered to win the

Burton had another dalliance with a ditch to lose the 6th, but confirmed that her yards off the tee - and hit a

out at the 7th, came within a millimetre of an eagle two at the 312-yard 8th .- the hole was halved in three - and rammed home a ten-foot bird-

ie putt at the 9th to square the

Then Rostron, whose family had made a massed dawn run from Lancashire to Devon for the final, took charge. She sank a 45-foot putt to win the 10th, won the 11th when Burton bunkered her second 'and went three up with a

biedie four at the 12th Then, at the 16th, Rostron blasted a drive 250 yards she reckons she averages 220 nine-iron onto the green to close out the match.

Burton was consoled by winning a place in the England team for the European women's team championship in Finland in July. RESULT: Final; K Rostron (Climerous bt K Barton St George's Help 1 and 2

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Ogrin relishing Woods battle

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By Our Sports Staff

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DAVID OGRIN established a one-shot lead over Tiger Woods after a third round eight-under-par 62 in the Colonial tournament in Fort Worth, Texas. Ogrin had a run of six consecutive birdies halfway through his round and came within one stroke of the course record, set by Keith

Clearwater in 1993. Ogrin gained the only victory of his 15-year career at the Texas Open last autumn. "By far, 62 is the best round I ever shot on a great course." Ogrin said. "I was nervous the last couple of holes thinking I could shoot 59 at Colonial.* Woods, however, is in per-

fect position for his third

successive tournament win after a 64 gave him sole possession of second place. Ogrin gained his first birdie at the 2nd with a 25-foot

putt. After escaping a bunker to save par at the 4th, he began his run of six birdies with a tap-in at the 7th. He sank a 30-foot putt at the 8th and went from bunker to bunker before a 25-foot birdie putt on the 9th. Ogrin contin-

ued his run at the 10th with a 15-foot putt, pitched to within four feet at the 11th and sank an 18-foot birdie putt on the 12th. His last birdie came two holes later with a four-foot

"If you make the right

choices, all good things come," Ogrin, who defeated Woods by two shots at the Texas Open, said. "I did prevail over him at San Antonio - before the hurricane of Tigermania hit. I'm looking forward to playing with him. You've got to want to face Tiger, like Michael Jordan, go up against the best,"

Woods closed strongly with birdies on three of the final four holes, including a twofooter at the 18th. "The putt I made on 18 was big. it kept the momentum going," he said. Lowering my score every day just means I'm playing better. getting more comfortable with the course, too."

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HOCKEY

Hightown win after penalty shoot-out

HIGHTOWN destroyed Clif-ton's hopes of lifting their first significant trophy when they won 3-2 in a penalty shoot-out after the teams had finished level at 2-2 in the AEWHA Cup final in Milton Keynes yesterday.

Two goals by Tina Cullen. the England and Great Britain striker, twice put Hightown ahead, but Clifton doggedly fought their way back into the match.

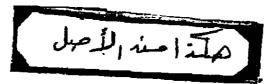
Cullen's first goal came after 20 minutes, when she hit an unstoppable shot after collecting a 50-yard pass from

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Lucy Newcombe. Within ten minutes, Clifton were level when Lucy Culliford nudged the ball in after a move involving Tammy Miller and Denise Marston-Smith. Cullen broke away again to

score seven minutes from time, before Marston-Smith levelled two minutes later from a penalty stroke. DEngland finished their preparations for the Champi-

ons' Trophy in Berlin next week on a high note when Jane Smith scored a hat-trick in a 3-1 win over the United States in Milton Keynes.



Villeneuve cruises to comfortable victory

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE IN BARCELONA

JACQUES VILLENEUVE front of him. There were so passed a sentimental mile-many pit-stops I was not sure stone with a dominant drive in the Spanish Grand Prix here yesterday. By winning his seventh grand prix in 22 races, total set by his father. Gilles,

nearly 15 years ago. He had precious little else to overtake during a race which made a few people wonder whether weekend threats by the Formula One top brass to head east with their cigarette money were really so terrible after all. It was a fag end of a race, enlivened by a late surge from Johnny Herbert and some dubious blocking tactics, inevitably, by Eddie Irvine, who incurred a ten-second penalty from the officials after gnoring the blue "move over" flags as Olivier Panis and Jean

Alesi filled his mirrors. Alesi, not the most gentle-manly driver himself, ges-tured furiously to the clerk of the course after finally passing the Irishman. I was hoping vision," he said. The Irishman claimed he thought the flags

who was in front of whom," he said. He was not the only one. The 64,000 crowd must have been just as confused as teams adopted different pit-stop strategies and the race lost any coherent pattern.

Little did they know it, but the trolley carrying the wet weather tyres back to the

Williams garage moments before the start of the race was the most significant action of the day. Once the starting grid was bathed in a shaft of sunlight, the one danger to the Williams team had receded. The appearance of Ronaldo, fresh from a ninetieth minute winner for Barcelona the premore of a stir than anything

Ecclestone fans the flames of advertising argument

IT WAS the idea of the grand prix circus touching down in Croatia and India that touched the sense of the absurd. No grands prix at Silverstone, Monza or Hockenhelm -- instead, Calcutta and Split would be on the new cigarette-friendly Formula One calendar devised by Bernie Ecclestone, the most powerful man in Formula One, in response to a proposed European ban on

tobacco advertising. Formula One would not be the tempting place it is without the rumour factory, but the reaction of the team owners to the weekend news that their future lay far to the east of Oxford, with only four Europe, the powerhouse of grand prix racing for 100 years, ranged from the disdainful to the incredulous.

What? We going to move to Japan?" Flavio Briatore. owner of the Benetton team. based in Chipping Norton, asked. "I don't think so. We

just want to go racing."

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE

Ken Tyrrell, the grandfather of the pitlane, was equally dismissive. "Just a silly rumour," he said. He has heard a few in his time.

Tyrrell would be one of the

few teams to benefit from any EU law banning sponsorship of sport by cigarette com-panies, which would cost Formula One an estimated £60 million. The top six teams in the constructors' championship — Ferrari, Williems, Benetton, McLaren, Prost and Jordan — all rely heavily on tobacco sponsorship to fund their massive, £35 million a year budgets. Nevertheless, on the grounds that Ecclestone's words today tend to become

Formula One in the next century has to be respected. Formula One, as Ecclestone stresses, is a global sport. Grands prix are already pencilled in for Malaysia and South Kores next season. Ecclestone's warning was

almed at the new Labour Government, which is deter-

mined to sever the ties between cigarettes and sport, triggering a possible EU ban. "If they the British Govern-ment think it through, they

will see the great advantages of having Formula One in Britain," he said yesterday. "If they go through with have Formula One on television and that's going to be very boring for the eight million who want to watch." Not forgetting, he added, the 50,000 jobs that depend on the industry. Or the £2 billion flotation of Formula One proposed for

this summer.

"In reality, teams would have to seil a European package to their sponsors and one for the Far East," Paul Stewart, of the Stewart team, said. Maybe a non-cigarette European Formula will one day emerge from the ashes of Formula One. That would surely be a more sensible alternative to racing mobile cigarette ads over the recent battlegrounds of Croatia.

the £2 billion grand prix show could produce.

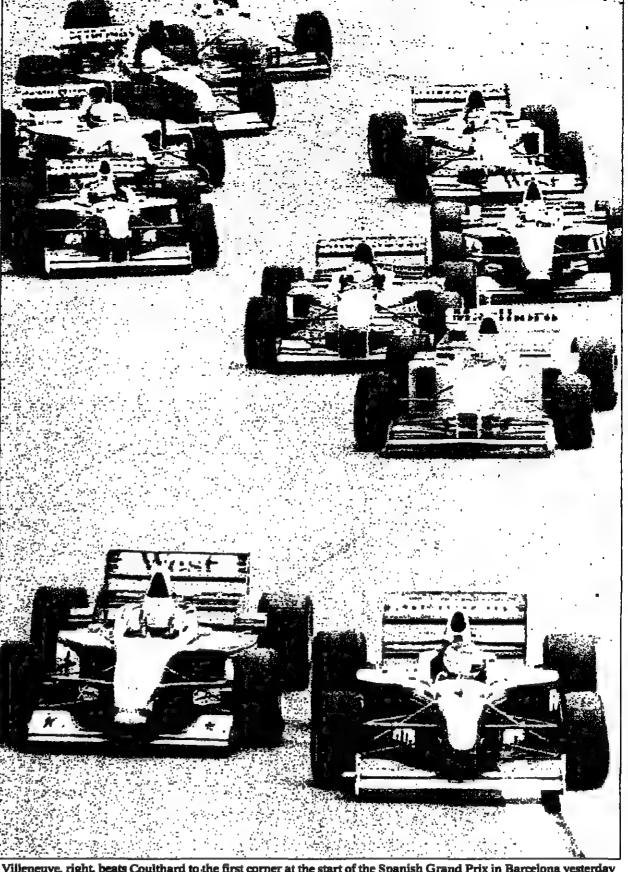
briefly, by Alesi and Michael Schumacher, during pit-stops. wheel out of place during the 64-lap race and his five-second gap over Panis at the finish was a good deal more comfortable than the margin would suggest. The car was very quick," he said. "It was just a question of keeping my tyres intact and not pushing too

another lacklustre showing by his team-mate, Heinz-Harald Frentzen, who started slowly and did not get much quicker, After outpacing Villeneuvein Monaco and matching him for all but three minutes and a fraction of a second in qualify-ing here, it was widely felt Frentzen was beginning to find his feet in Formula One middle of the pack, an unaccustomed embarrassment for the world constructors

The official explanation for German's miserable eighth place was a wrong choice of tyres and set-up. "I had very good tyre wear all weekend but during the race, for some reason, my rear tyres blistered quickly and I couldn't really push at all." he said. "We will have to look into it." His strategy, taking three stops to Villeneuve's two, also seemed misplaced. The hidden fear, for the competitiveness of Formula One as much as for his team, is that the German's undoubted pace masks a mental flaw.

If the team needed any hint of what they were missing, it came in unexpected form on lap 19. Damon Hill, who had enjoyed his best race so far in a chaotic season at Arrows, felt his engine blow just as he had reached the dizzy heights of seventh place and slowly coasted to a halt right in front of his old garage at Williams. A gesture of despair, if ever there was one. The world champion is beginning to run out of brave faces after failing to finish a race this season.

"The performance of the car was quite good today, which made me feel optimistic, but we were just let down by reliability," he said. "We have learnt something this weekend, so we can go back now and say there are some things right and some things wrong." Righting the wrongs might prove beyond the skills even of



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Villeneuve, right, beats Coulthard to the first corner at the start of the Spanish Grand Prix in Barcelona yesterday

crisis meeting this week.

British disappointment David Coulthard, who had qualified third on the grid was caught out by Michael Schumacher on the opening lap and had to spend a frustrating 13 laps before he muscled his way past the rapidly fading Ferrari. Forced into the pits three times for new tyres, the Scot was unable

Hill and the team owner. Tom to mount a consistent chall-Walkinshaw, who has called a enge to the leaders and was isis meeting this week. passed on the last lap by Hill's was not the only Herbert, who finished a Sauber-Petronas.

The start, which was aborted initially after Ralf Schumacher stalled, proved to be decisive to the outcome. though not in the expected way. A charge by Schumacher from the fourth row of the grid took the Ferrari between Hakkinen and Frentzen; he then forced his way inside Alesi to follow Villeneuve and Coulthard into the first bend. Moments later, he dived inthe hard-pressed Ferrari team

As Villeneuve drove sereneoff into the distance, Schumacher continued to thwart Coulthard and Alesi, "I must thank Michael for that. Villeneuve said. While others blistered tyres in a vain chase. Villeneuve conserved his by

TENNIS

driving smoothly and swiftly from the front. By lap 20, his lead was 20 seconds and

enge in his Prost without seriously Villeneuve's third victory of the season or his return to the head of the drivers' world championship as he moves onto his home grand prix, in Montreal, next month and his annual rendezvous with the Villeneuve legend.

ments after proving more fallible in the saddle than

Hingis has not been compet-

itively stretched since then

although the young brigade is

after her. There is Venus

Williams, the 16-year-old, 6ft

American venturing to Europe

for the first time. And there is

Anna Kournikova, also 16.

from Russia, who has come

speeding through the junior

seems, and must feel, almost

matronly out on the teenagers

court. Back in 1993, she said:

"I am just not the type to keep

playing tennis at 28 or 29. I

have already been in this

murderous rhythm for ten

Steffi Graf, the No 2 seed.

around the courts.

SAILING: CLOSE CONTACT WITH OCEAN ROVER BREAKS MONOTONY IN SOUTH ATLANTIC

All hot and quiet on the Atlantic front

THE sound of "starboard!" rang out in the night as Ocean-Rover ducked behind Heath Insured It's stern. This was what the RT Global Challenge yacht race was about. After two weeks and 2,500 miles of ocean racing in the South Atlantic, we were obliged. under race rules, to avoid

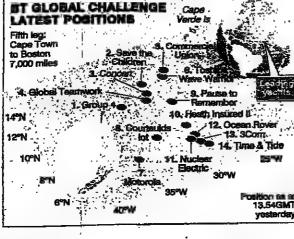
Heath on starboard tack. As we sailed off in different directions, the exchange of camera flashes lit up the sky. Match racing can be this close and, on the penultimate leg from Cape Town to Boston. this close encounter was a welcome diversion. Since the re-start three weeks ago, we have sailed under spinnaker for all but a few hours. Apart from the odd gybe, there is little activity to keep us occupied

As the days roll by, a rather repetitive regime has evolved, and a very different one from that imposed by the horrendous conditions we experienced on our last leg, across the southern Indian Ocean from Sydney to Cape Town.
"On Watch" requires a minimum of three people to

James Capstick discovers relatively few diversions on board Heath Insured II on the penultimate leg of the global challenge

sail the boat. One to helm and the other two to trim the "kite". This involves one person, "the trimmer", holding the sheet (the bit of string attached to the corner of the sail) assisted by the third, who winds the winch under the direction of the trimmer.

Unfortunately, the nature of sailing is such that you may sit for several hours in the relatively predictable Trade Winds and then it all goes mad, with shouts of "winch" from heimsman as well as trimmer. It is not unusual for the skipper's head to appear



through the hatch with words of wisdom such as "don't round up" or "don't tease it". If you get any of this wrong, then it's likely that the next 24 hours will be spent sewing the bits of sail back together.

On the last leg, full thermals and foulies were the order of the day, with Arctic mittens. It was extremely cold. By contrast, the weather for the past seven days has been stifling, with a blazing sun overhead from eight o'clock in the morning. Severe sunburn is a real danger so we all have to take great care. To this end, some rather strange hats have appeared on deck, either bought especially for the job or improvised with towels.

Below decks, Ocean Rover, with her steel hull, is like a furnace and, despite all the hatches being open, little air circulates. Where it does, you can be sure to find the "off watch" crew trying to get some

On the last leg, cooking was a good job as it meant that you were dry and warm, but, on this leg, it is a real chore, with the temperature in the thirties before you start lighting the four-burner gas hob to cook for a crew of 14.

As I write, Ocean Rover is in

tenth place, but not that many miles separate us from the leading boats. It is true to say that I am disappointed with our overall showing to date and certainly the crew had high hopes of better things at the start. It seems, however, that we are destined to stay in the middle of the fleet and nothing we do seems to change that. With the Doldrums looming up ahead, it is still a very long way to Boston, and we will continue to sail as fast as we can. It's a funny old game this sailing.

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LATEST POSITIONS (with miles to Boston): 1, Group 4 2 673, 2, Save The Children 2,741; 3, Concert 2,764; 4, Global Team-outh 2,794, 5, Conmercial Unson 2,618; 6, Toshiba Witare Warnor 2,818 7, Motorota 2,832; 8, Courtaids International 2,875; 9, Pause To Remember 2,902; 10, Heath Insured II 2,995; 11, Nuclear Electric 3,032, 12, Ocean Rover 3,039; 13, 30cm 3,085; 14, Time & Tide 3,120

Patriot game provides stern test for Henman

FROM ROB HUGHES IN PARIS

WHERE lies the soul, the form or the definition of grand-slam tennis this spring? In Britain, attention on the first day of the French Open in Paris will be focused on the nation's two leading men, Tim Henman and Greg Rusedksi, who have struggled with injuries and loss of confidence. For the wider audience tuned into the Roland Garros Stadium this morning. the spotlight will fall on Pete Sampras, the world No I and a man who needs to acclimatise to red clay if ever he is to turn the clock back

Laver won all of the four grand-slam events. Olivier Delaitre, a French wild-card entry, stands in Henman's way; another Frenchman, albeit one born in Tahiti and then naturalised. Fabrice Santoro, provides the examination of nerve and skill and temperament for

three decades to when Rod

And while all around the Spaniards are massing with their clay-court mixture of spin and guile, while an irreverent Chilean, Marcelo Rios, could plant his imprint in the red dust, the early passion play in the men's game is unsurprisingly the support of the Parisians. knowledgeable and patriotic tennis fans, for home players.

In Britain, interest in tennis was reawakened last year by the rise of Henman. Here, though, he may have to curb his attacking style in favour of the relatively slow, demanding and patient play required on clay. The French say that the tempo will be quicker this year, the balls will fly faster. The courts have been treated to speed them up and it needs only the heat to encourage Goran Ivanisevic, the volatile

Croatian, to shed his indiffermillionairesses have to be 18 ence to the surface and, perunder Swiss law before the government dips into their haps, win his first grand slam. account. Hingis is paying Henman has been promoted to No 14 seed because of a another kind of penalty. rash of injuries to leading She still wants to ride out players. His opponent, a righthander standing 5ft Sin tall, cised her freedom on a friend's will be 30 next week and has horse in April, she needed only once advanced beyond surgery to repair knee liga-

the first round of his home tournament. If, after his elbow operation, Henman is remotely on form, he has a chance . . . though that would put him in the next round against the considerable power of the Australian, Mark Philippoussis. In a difficult quarter of the draw, the winner of that match would then expect to meet Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the reigning, if struggling, champion from Russia.

Meanwhile, Rusedski, if his injured wrist is firm, faces Magnus Norman, the Swede who recently beat Andre

Britain has no qualifier in the women's event and so shares in the intense interest in Martina Hingis, the 16year-old born in Czechoslovakia and now representing Switzerland. Unbeaten anywhere this year, yet to pay a cent in taxes because even

Graf will be 28 on June 14. She is hurting now from injury like so many others, from the tax problems that put her father in jail. She may be a prisoner to the game, to its stresses and its rewards for a while longer.

And though there were doubts about her fitness as well a couple of weeks ago, Graf came back to complete the 103rd tournament victory of her "murderous rhythm" in Strasbourg last week.

Soon Graf may find herself literally double the age of some pushy young opponent from heaven knows where: after all, Steffi has aiready seen the evolution from one Martina (Navratilova) to the



BY EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

LOCH Fyne's reputation for producing conditions that are tortuous and tantalising enough to test the patience of even the most long-suffering skipper was fully justified this weekend as the 235-strong Rover Series fleet struggled in the lightest of airs.

At one point in the first race on the Glenfiddich Melges 24 and Sigma 33 course yesterday, yachts were running under spinnakers towards each other while others, just 50 vards apart were beating on different tacks at painfully slow speeds. The biggest problem for the racers was

breeze by the shore or remain in the middle of the race area.

One skipper who saw his luck swing wildly in the fickle conditions was Dave Johnson, from Southampton, on' the Melges 24. Glenfiddich, who shot from sixth to first on the second run in the first race of the day, having looked out of it at the weather mark. However, after rounding the leeward mark for the second time well ahead of the field, he sailed straight into a hole in the wind and sat there for an hour — where he eventually had his lunch - as he fell like a stone from first to last. "I'm never going to sail here again," Johnson, who recov-

two, said. This is the twentieth series

to be held off Tarbert and the sixth, and probably last, to be sponsored by Rover. This year, the regatta feels quieter than last with boat numbers down by 18, largely accounted for by the much smaller Melges fleet. The series kicked off with the usual feeder races from Gourrock. on the Clyde, which saw 190 starters, and Bangor, in Northern Ireland, with a further 40 on the start line.

start line early, and won yesterday's second race. Pender described the hot, windless conditions on the loch as a "nightmare". Reflecting on his win in yesterday's In the largest of the one-

second race, he said: "We fust managed to weasel our way off the start line and picked our way through the wee boats and just followed the design classes - the Sigma wind. We worked hard to 33s, with 27 boats — the competition is tight, with the keep the boat moving and just

In the Sonata class, Steve at Cork Week last year, mak-Goacher, the former Flying ing a strong start. After win-Fifteen and present Sonata ning the Gourrock feeder. world champion, had another Pender was second in the first fine start on Eric The Boat. He opened up on Saturday race on Saturday, then fourwith a second place and teenth in the first race yesterday, when he was over the followed up yesterday with a win and a third in the 19strong fleet.

In Class I, meanwhile, three of the top four places after three races have gone to the Bashford-Howison 36s -Bateleur 97, owned by Chris Bonar, Local Hero XV, owned by Geoffrey Howison, and Playback 2, owned by Keith Lawrence. In second place, in the thick of them, is the Corby 35. Mustang Sally, owned by



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Warwickshire gain ground thanks to Moles

ALAN LEE

WARWICKSHIRE were easy to dismiss this season. Their period of invincibility was evidently over, they wore an ominously rudderless look and they spent the first few days of the championship programme praying for the salvation of rain. Two improbable victories have enforced a revision of opinion.
The odd thing is that they

have appeared sure to lose all three of their championship games to date, yet somehow remain unbeaten. Admittedly, they required the weather to rescue them at Cardiff last month, but the manner in which they have come from behind to beat Yorkshire and Middlesex must even question the inevitability of that opening match.

Both their wins have been achieved in three days. On both occasions, they won the toss, put the opposition in and yet conceded an uncomfortable first-innings deficit. Each time, they have pursued a target that was searching in the context of the match and won with something in hand.

Perhaps, then, it is true that you never really lose the knack. These, after all, are largely the same players who won the title in 1994 and 1995 through a belief that nothing was beyond them. The reason for doubting them this season was a sense of transitional instability. Dermot Reeve. the puppeteer of their great performances, had retired: Tim Munton, his appointed successor, was a long-term fitness casualty; and even Nick Knight, the new vice-captain, was set to miss the early weeks with a multiple fracture of the knuckie.

It could be said that Andy Moles was no better than a fourth-choice captain, yet this endearingly loyal cricketer, who continues, in his late thirties, to resemble a comicstrip schoolboy who spends too much time in the tuck shop, has never let Warwickshire down.

Moles is one of those players for whom the game as a feels instinctively pleased when things go right. This is his benefit year and while the system is outdated

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ined becoming captain of his county, but, in these straitened times, he has made a decent fist of it. Even going into Saturday. Middlesex looked to hold all the good cards, but Moles galvanised his troops to bowl them out cheaply. Then, he inventively promoted Neil Smith to his one-day role of disruptive aggressor at the top

of the batting order. Smith bludgeoned a halfcentury from 61 bails. Moles, who had moved down a place to accommodate him, arrived to complete the mission with an unbeaten 67. Middlesex retreated, beaten by eight wickets and still, doubtless, unable to fathom quite how. Old greybeard Gatting will have done a good deal of tight-lipped headshaking. Gatting will also have re-

ported back to David Graveney, the chairman of the England selectors, on the capricious nature of the Edgbaston pitch. Last week. when Knight was in charge of Warwickshire, he put Yorkshire in to bat, convinced that the pitch would support seam early on and would not turn at any stage. He was wrong on both counts.

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of national concern with the first Test to be staged there ten days hence. It has made for two riveting three-day champ-ionship games, but Warwickshire's priority, after pre-paring unsuitable surfaces two years in succession, is for

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a Test that lasts the distance. In the meantime, they can delight in something equally unfathomable - the ability of their team to win from deep adversity. This week, Warwickshire picked a Sheikh and a Khan, neither name familiar to any but aficionados. They also picked a Brown and a Welch, of whom the same might almost be said.

Yet it would be quite wrong to belittle Dougle Brown and Graeme Welch as "ordinary". simply because their names have yet to ring bells. Brown made the runs that beat Yorkshire last week. On Saturday, Welch took the wickets that floored Middlesex. They grew up in the side under Reeve and have inherited much of his ability to perform when it is most needed. On such virtues are titles won.

Somerset, where Reeve is now installed as coach, could have done with such heroics themselves on Saturday. Instead, invited by Yorkshire to score 341, they fell woefully short. With Gough and Silverwood missing on nat-ional duty. Yorkshire had recalled Peter Hartley, now 37. It is intended that Hartley should play less this summer, but he plainly has other ambitions, having taken five for 34

to dismiss Somerset for 200. The heroism elsewhere was not all rewarded. The Newell brothers, of Sussex. for instance, resisted Kent for much of the final day of an absorbing contest at Horsham. Keith made 112, younger brother Mark scored 57; but Kent still won, halfway through the last hour, thanks to seven wickets from Martin McCague.

Of English fast bowlers, only Devon Malcolm is as quick as McCague and his week ended quite differently. Eight wickets for Malcolm in the match at Trent Bridge seemed to have set up Derbyshine for a comfortable win. but Nottinghamshire have found a compelling spirit. Three of their batsmen were carrying injuries as they

scrapped to a target of 245; one of them, Paul Poliard cracked finger and all claimed the two-wicket win by cutting Malcolm for four.

Now that is real heroism. matched by the defiance of Durham, who somehow prevented Worcestershire reaching a target of 114 from 25 overs. Worcestershire, requiring only two runs with half the side intact, lost wickets to each of the last three balls and could finish only level. Durham, at last, are mastering the art of survival. Wirning comes next.



therton confounds his critics

CRICKET CURRESPONDENT

THE OVAL (England won toss): England beat Australia

SUPERFICIALLY, episode two of the Texaco Trophy replicated episode one, both by margin and execution. On Saturday, as on Thursday. Adam Hollioake ended it in England's favour with a blow of disdainful force, but the second victory was something different, something potential ly more significant. It was a tale of two captains, one of whom can do no right, the other suddenly, gloriously, master of all he surveys.

It scarcely seems possible and, logic cautions, it may not last, but, for the moment at least, every Englishman must cherish the sight of Michael AMERIOR LEAGUES LA dynamic one-day triumph, while Mark Taylor, his coun terpart, encounters the kind of snowballing setbacks that come only to those struggling for survival.

Taylor, groping for form like a man who has mislaid his spectacles, had just begun to play with conviction when he was run out in one of those slapstick interludes that seem uproariously funny to all but the victim. It was the first of four run-outs responsible for limiting Australia to 249, per-haps 30 short of par on a typically immaculate pitch.

Atherton then supervised the chase in the style that he has always been capable of but, recently, has seldom ry encapsulated the new mer-its of his team: brisk, businesslike and maximising every opportunity. It was also a hugely satisfying personal

It always used to bug Ather-ton that he was thought defi-cient at the one-day game. It still does, but at least now he gets to pick himself in defiance of those who believe him a liability. Before he became captain, his appearances were patchy and he proceeded to justify his own view of this by playing his role masterfully for two years. Then, inexplicably, he lost the plot.

After 27 one-day interna-tionals, culminating in his 85 at Bloemfontein last January. Atherion was averaging a remarkable 47. In the 24 that followed, before Saturday, he

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averaged a melancholy 17. He had yo-yoed up and down the order and attempted, more than once, to be something he is not. At the Oval, he was faithful to his strengths.

Atherton's reaction to his century was utterly in character. He did wave his bat, which was a shade theatrical by Athertonian standards, but thereafter he permitted himself just a deep, gratified sight and the barest flicker of a smile. The century was a tangible demonstration of the captain's worth. However, only those who have closely watched will appreciate his other contribution: tactically

assertive leadership. Atherton no longer reacts to situations, he creates them with aggressive bowling changes and subtle manoeuvrings in the field. One such

BOWLING: DeFreits 8:0-47-0 (5 four: 40-17-0, 20-15-0); 20-15-0); Gough 10-3-42-0 (4 fours: 5-3-23-0, 20-7-0 -20-12-0); Effect 9-2-40-0 (1 four: 5-2-5-0, 20-17-0, 20-15-0); Gles 8-0-48-0 (w 1: 3 fours: 50-28-0, 30-22-0); Croft 10-2-38-1 (1 stee; 5 fours: one spell); Indicate 4-0-25-1 (1 four; one spell)

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A J Sawert b Warne
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G P Thorpe C S R Weugh b Bever
(40min, 15 bals)

G D Lloyd c Warne b McGirett
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Total (4 witts, 48.2 owers, 200szári) 258

instance should have brought him a wicker on Saturday. No his life, began with three maidens, enough to create an edginess that the batting side sooner had Slater arrived, could not quite dispel. with his propensity to search Bevan's century was su-perb, confirming him as one of for the ball in his early eagerness for command, than Atherton restored a slip fielder for Croft. Stater reached, drove. the outstanding one-day bats-

men, but there was momenedged, and Knight put the chance down. It would have tom to the Australia innings only when Gilchrist joined been eloquent testimony for him in a fifth-wicket stand of the new presence of Atherton 113 from 18 overs. within a team in which, de-England not only bowled monstrably, he has confi-dence but there is, anyway, no doubting his position — which tidily but also fielded with qualities of tenacity and precision. Of the four run-outs,

is more than can be said for three were secured by direct hits, an art that seemed hopepoor Taylor. The day began for him as it lessly elusive to England teams until, belatedly, they were awakened to the fact that was to continue. He lost the toss. Atherion again chose to bowl first and atthough these the rest of the world had were vasily different condi-tions from those at Headingmarched past them in the essentials of the one-day ley, his attack never lost game. The transformation is control. Gough, in the form of

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34-0; Mushtag Ahmed 8-0-42-1; Rose 9-2-30-1; Boxes 5-1-46-2 Latrice 5-0-60-1.

Score after 15 overs: 752

England won by six wickets.

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Knight failed, leg-before in al on Thursday, Lloyd was unconvincing and Thorpe went cheaply. For all that, England constantly had the game under control. While Atherton was there, only one result was possible. Stewart was at his best in making 40 at a run a ball and Hollioake, whose step up to this level has been seamless, this time even

forgot to look nervous. By the end, he was coming down the pitch to drive the seam bowiers, further inflating his growing reputation as a crowd-pleaser. With five needed, he drove and pulled Kasprowicz for successive fours. The only surprise was that he did not finish it with a

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

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Somersel v Yorkshire TALINTON (fire) day of four). Yorksi (21 pts) beat Somerset (5) by 140 runs. YORKSHIRE: First Innings 30% (D. Lehmana 177, A R Caddel 6 foi 103) M D Mouth the b Mushtag
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CRICKET: 19-YEAR-OLD MAKES EXUBERANT AND UNSELFCONSCIOUS START TO INTERNATIONAL CAREER

Hollioake proves it runs in the family

Simon Wilde analyses the impact of the brothers for England and Australia

A FEW minutes before Ben Hollicake went out to bat for England for the first time yesterday, his parents were standing at the foot of the stairs leading to the top tier of the Edrich Stand, "We must go," his father, John, said, "I want to be there in case he looks up. He's still a boy, you

Just over an hour later, their younger son had compelled : not just his parents but all 28,000 people in Lord's to stand and salute him. He had: scored 63 from 48 balls, a not entirely flawless display but as joyous and carefree a first innings in international cricket as there can have been.

It was full of the exuberance and the unselfconsciousness of : youth. The moment he walked onto the ground, he looked at ease with the situation." Michael Atherton, the England captain, said.

However, Hollicake the Younger is, indeed, still a boy, 19 years old and still with much to learn about the world. Seven hours before. driving Australia to distraction, he had needed directions to find his way to the home dressing-room, never having visited the world's most famous cricket ground before.

For such a "natural", the future appears to be full of possibilities. He was barely out of his cracile when his father, a sports fanatic, began thrusting balls, bars and hock-ey-sticks into his infant hands at their home in Melbourne. and he had the encouraging presence, too, of an elder brother who was already hooked on games. With these advantages. Ben was in a privileged position.

"His ability to throw at the age of two," his father recalis, "was remarkable." What may yet prove his greatest hurdle is being billed as better than Adam, who hit England's winning runs for the third time in three matches

yesterday. Adam is 25, cap-tains Ben at Surrey and has, in the matter of a few matches, established himself as a considerable international

He is indeed a hard act to follow and not the sort of . character to allow himself to lia, the nation will have reason

whom he cannot even play a casual game of table tennis in their house in Wandsworth without it erupting into "World War Three". And, as Adam himself says, older brothers are in the habit of

having the last word". It is a pattern that has often been repeated. No sooner has one brother made his name than some sage will opine "Yes, he's a good one. But wait until you see his younger brother. He's magical."

Sometimes the predictions are valid, often they are not. Chris Smith said that he was not a patch on his younger brother, Robin, and it was not far from the truth. But predictions that Dean Waugh would turn out to be a better batsman than either Steve or Mark were way off the mark.

Dean has played one Shef-field Shield match and made a handful of one-day appearances for New South Wales, but it is likely that, at 28, he will be the permanent holder of the tag of "the forgotten Waugh" that was briefly the property of Mark. There is, in: fact, a fourth brother, Denny, who has played grade cricket but he, too, has found the burden of the litustrious twins hard to live up to.

Growing up in the family's modest dwelling in a Sydney suburb, the Waugh twins shared a room together throughout their childhood, a situation that generated a healthy sporting rivalry of its own, and one not unlike that of the Hollicakes. They competed together in the backvard at cricket, football and tennis and it was not until adulthood that they forged their own identities, as some twins feel the need to do.

However, Steve was the first, by five years, to represent Australia and there was an uncomfortable period during which it was uncertain whether Mark would be able to keep pace with him. "He hit the ball sweetly,"

Steve, Australia's acting captain, said appreciatively of Ben Hollioake. "He turned the game for them." If the Hollioakes prove to be half as valuable to England as the Waughs have been to Austrabe upstaged by a brother with to continue rejoicing.

competitions this summer. In his

second season with Essex, he has

adapted to English conditions with

On the same pitch used for the

championship match, Gloucester-shire won the toss and, after selecting two spinners, unsurprisingly elected to bat. It again proved to be a bland

surface, short of pace, suggesting that a score in the region of 200 would be competitive, but, shackled by Essex's emerging new-ball pairing of Ashley Cowan and Mark Ilort, Gloucester-bine accompleted to 26 for two by the

shire succumbed to 26 for two by the

eighth over.

The tone was set and, lacking an

anchor to bat around, the innings

shuddered to a steady procession as Essex, hardly extended, fielded tidily and bowled efficiently. A typically parsimonious spell from Peter Such.

the off spinner, yielded one for 18.

Not for the first time, it required

more of Jack Russell's indomitable

spirit to avoid ignominy. Though

edging precariously between wicket-

keeper and slip on three, he impishly

chiselled out 35 in 19 overs. It was a

vain effort as the innings meandered

length, but was greeted by an imperious cover drive that streaked

across the outfield, bisecting the field. Law's fifty arrived in 42 balls before a

mini-collapse saw Prichard, Hussain

It was hardly terminal, despite a

fine spell of three for 23 from Alleyne.

and Law fall within two overs.

to its meagre conclusion.



Mark Waugh on his way to 95 for Australia in the third Texaco Trophy encounter at Lord's yesterday

Gallian takes firm hold on fort

BY BAILNEY SPENDED

OLD TRAFFORD (Northamptonshire won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Northamp-tonshire by 75 runs

WHILE Mike Atherton, John Crawley and Graham Lloyd were at Lord's, basking in England's Texaco Trophy win, two men deemed surplus to national requirements guaranteed that Lancashire kept up the pace at the top of the Axa Life League with a con-vincing win over Northamptonshire.

First, Jason Gallian produced a perfectly-judged 101 not out, his first century in the Sunday league, to take the home side to 241 for six from their 40 overs. Then, Peter Martin ripped out three early wickets as Northamptonshire slumped to 27 for four and, despite 67 from Rob Bailey, the game was up. Lancashire remain the enig-

ma of the county game. In the four-day game here they looked a very ordinary side but stick them in coloured clothes and a 40-over game and they look invincible. Perhaps it was the return of their captain, Mike Watkinson, and Wasim Akram, but there was an edge that was missing for much of the championship game. On this showing, it seems ludicrous that they failed to qualify for the Benson and Hedges quarter-finals IOMOTOW.

Northamptonshire, in contrast, face Yorkshire but their coach, John Emburey must be concerned about their shabby performance in the field that probably cost them 20 runs and the fact that they gave away 23 extras.

Paddy McKeown, who hit 37 from 46 balls, and Wasim Angeles. He pushed the ball around gave Gallian great support with the bat while Lancashire's bowling and fielding was so tight that it quickly

strangled any hopes Northamptonshire had of reaching the target. Watkinson made the initial breakthrough with a direct hit that ran out Penberthy, and Martin then removed Loye, Capel and Walton in quick succession. He returned to remove Bailey and Follett to claim Sunday best figures of five for 21.

Gallian played with real panache and gave his only chance on 87 when John Emburey, backpedalling furiously, failed to hang on to a skied chance into the covers. Otherwise, it was a perfect one day innings and an object lesson for the visiting Justiceville CC, a club for

homeless youngsters in Los

intelligently during the early part but also struck six boundaries as he reached his 50 from 72 balls. Then, as Wasim joined him in a fourth-wicket partnership of 68 in eight overs, he stepped up a gear, his second 50 coming from just 39 balls. He finished with nine fours to his name as well as a straight six off Emburey in the over after the Northants coach had dropped him.

Wasim also showed a liking for the former England offspinner, hitting him for one monstrous six which cleared the seats at the Warwick Road end and came within a whisker of sailing right out of the ground. His 28 came from 29 balls and he later bowled his full quote of eight overs with

Lehmann provides spur for **Yorkshire** run chase

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BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

TAUNTON (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (4 pts) beat Somerset by seven wickets

ANOTHER thrilling innings by Darren Lehmann set up Yorkshire for a fine victory in a game of 521 runs. The Australian followed up his 177 in the championship match etween the teams with a superb 76 from 66 balls. enabling Yorkshire to overhaul Somerset's challenging score of 200 for seven with 3.5 overs to spare.

Lehmann went for strokes from the first ball and. to be fair, the bowling gave him every encouragement. Andrew Caddick proved particularly costly, going for 60 from seven overs, not that any of the other bowlers will reflect on their performance with

Yorkshire required 107 after Lehmann went, caught by Parsons off Caddick. But Michael Vaughan sustained his innings for 60 runs. Peter Hartley enjoyed his Sunday frolic as a bowler who can punch his weight as an attacking batsman, and Richard Blakey filled his boots towards the end against some moder-

Hartley drove Mushtaq Ahmed handsomely down the ground and smashed him to the extra cover boundary, first bounce. His best stroke was an enormous straight six off Jason Kerr that almost cleared the radio commentary box. Blakey followed up with a hit in the same place, and almost as big, in Kerr's next over. With 58 needed from the last ten overs. Yorkshire always had the job in hand.

Hartley's 48 came from 36 balls, Blakey's 36 from 31 balls, and both men hit four fours and a six. Together they made oo in seven overs. whacking the ball far and wide until the task completed, they could pick off the last few runs at their leisure. But it was Lehmann's early charge that enabled them to do so.

The main feature of the Somerset innings was a stand of 133 for the fourth wicket between Richard Harden. who hit 85 from 77 balls, and Peter Bowler, who made 61. They were together for 22 overs, and provided the platform from which Somerset could plunder 81 runs from the last ten overs. Harden began the season

with a hundred in the championship against Surrey, and has not looked back. He went to his fifty by driving Michael Vaughan for six over long-on, and was eventually out when he mistimed another weighty drive and sent the ball skywards to David Byas at extra

Brown puts troubles behind him by hitting savage best

By PAT GIBSON

LEICESTER (Surrey won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Leicestershire by five wickets

ALISTAIR BROWN must view the euphoria surrounding the arrival of the Hollioake brothers in England's one-day side with a wry smile. A year ago, he was the flavour of the month after scoring a Texaco Trophy cen-tury against India at Old Trafford and look what happened to him.

His form dipped so alarmingly that in the end he was relieved to be dropped from the Surrey side. Even yester-day he could not be sure of keeping his place when Stew-art. Thorpe and the Hollioakes return so he could not have picked a more opportune moment to remind everyone what a wonderful talent

He won this match off his own bat with the highest score any Surrey player has made in the Sunday League, beating his own record of 142 not out against Middlesex at the Oval three years ago. He made an undefeated 157 out of 238 for five, hitting three sixes and 15 fours. He faced only 117 balls. Surrey's next highest scorer was lan Salisbury, who

Middlesex suffer . Durham triumph

contributed 22 to an unbroken sixth-wicket stand of 63. Brown made 78 out of an opening stand of 107 in 15 overs with Butcher, was anchored on 98 while three wickets fell for one run at the other end and still reached his 100 off 76 balls. He struck his sixes with panache off Brimson, Johnson and Mullally, hit his fours like tracer bullets and offered just two desperately difficult

Leicestershire hardly knew what had hit them. They owed their total of 234 for seven to some powerful late hitting by Jonathan Dakin, going in far too low at No 8. They had been given a decent enough start by Johnson and Wells who put on 75 in the first 16 overs, but the middle order perished to Salisbury, whose damaged spinning finger seemed to be working well enough when Smith and Maddy both played on and Whitaker heaved horribly across the line.

It probably started to throb again when Dakin hit him for 19 in his last over, including a six driven gloriously back over his head and three fours. Dakin also drifted Lewis for a straight six to finish unbeaten

Gloucestershire bow to the rule of Law

BY RUPERT COX

GLOUCESTER (Gloucestershire Here is a batsman at the peak of his won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by five wickets

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THEY may be the county championship pacesetters, but Gloucester-shire's one-day form remains sketchy. Essex, meanwhile, are unbeaten in all competitions, and in comprehensively overcoming their hosts yesterday they maintained their 100 per cent record in the Axa Life League, as well as exposing a sizeable gulf between the teams at limited-overs cricket.

Essex won few friends during the festival week at King's School, pro-

MINOR COUNTIES

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (Irst day of two): Sidmouth: Devon 210 (N A Folland 84, S R Banwick 4-72) and 31-1; Wales 180-7 (I J Hemp 58). Sherborne Schook Dorset 105 (K E Cooper 7-46) and 20-0; Hereford 227-4 (M P Briers 53 not cut). Askam: Cumberland: 194-8 (S T Knox 52) and 7-0; Bedfordshire. 178-8 (W Larkins 62; C Dagnall 4-37). Shaaford: Hertfordshire 276-2 (N P G Wright 122 not cut, A D Griffin 74) and 53-0; Lincolnshire 231-1 (J R Wileman 123 not cut, S G Plumb 82). Challow and Childrey; Berkshire 200-6 (S A Seymour 78); Oxfordshire 201-6 (S V Laudat 133 not cut; N M Kendrick 4-66). MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

tracting the delay in play during the incipient stages of the championship encounter by claiming that the tringes of the pitch were unfit and later by declining all attempts by

Gloticestershire to force a result.

Yesterday, at Archdeacon Meadow. in glorious conditions, a contrasting performance by Gloucestershire pre-

served Esser's unpopularity. Gloucestershire's total of 139 was always well short of the mark, but the dismissive nature with which Stuart Law, Essex's Queensland opener, then gorged himself raised further Essex cantered to their target with questions about Australia's selection. more than 13 over to spare.

De Silva's pace too hot for Pakistan

SRI Lanka, the world champi-ons, crushed Pakistan by 115 runs in the first match of the best-of-three final of the fournation independence Cup in Mohali on Saturday.

Chasing a target of 340, Pakistan's batting collapsed on an easy-paced wicket as they struggled to only 224 in 43.5 overs. Inzamam-ul-Haq, who hurt his finger while fielding, and Abdul Razzaq did not bat because of injuries.

Sanjeeva de Silva destroyed the Pakistan top order with his pace bowling, taking three wickets, including that of Saced The Pakistan collapse was in

sharp contrast to the Sri Lanka innings, when Sanath Jayasuriya and Marvan Atapattu put on 148, a national record for an opening pair in a one-day international Atapattu was out on 53. Jayasuriya hit 96 off only 67 balls while Aravinda de Silva ade a flawless 90 at a run a ball. Arjuna Ranatunga, the captain, completed Sri Lanka's dominance with an elegant 80. In reply. Pakistan lost four wickets with only 85 on the board. Once Ijaz Ahmed was

dismissed for 23, all Pakistan's By contrast, Essex reached 50 in recognised batsmen were gone. the ninth over as Law pounced upon Ramiz Raja and Salim Malik put on a brisk 56 off 60 balls and any wayward offerings in an invigorating opening stand with Paul Prichard, his captain. Law's out-Moin Khan made 57 not out, standing form was epitomised in the but it was always a lost cause. sixth over, when Ball, the off spinner. Jayasuriya, who completed was introduced to the attack. Ball immediately dropped on to a good

3,000 runs in one-day internationals during his innings, hit 12 fours and a six but was dropped twice, on five and 58. He was finally caught at deep mid-off by Mohammed Wasim as he attempted a second six in one over off Mohammed Hussain. the left-arm spinner.
The second match in the final

series is tomorrow in Calcutta.

Athey lifts Sussex to morale-boosting win

By JACK BAILEY

HORSHAM (Kent won toss): Sussex (4pts) beat Kent by four wickets

THIS match had nearly everything. Not all of it was good, but there was something for everybody's taste except, perhaps, Kent, who, having won all of their previous one-day matches this season, were beaten with only three balls remaining.

There was a bumper crowd at this delightful ground, there was the usual heightened atmosphere per-vading the 40-over game, there was a streaker and there was an announcer on the public address system who had a field day. There were, too, a few surprises; for Sussex, their first Sunday win of the season, for Amer Khan, the joy of taking five wickets, as Kent stumbled to 220 for nine. He had dropped a couple of catches -Ward on nine, Walker on 13 - which

For those who have seen him day in and day out, there was also the unusual sight of watching an unlettered Bill Athey play some delightful, orthodox shots on his way to a matchwinning century from 112 balls that included 11 fours and two sixes. He

proved expensive.



Athey: match-winning century

batted from first to last and was still there as the winning stroke was made. He shared in a century partnership with Greenfield and was the rock upon which the Sussex

innings was built.
It was a cracking innings. Calm. composed, yet making the most of neat footwork he played few strokes that were not in the textbook. Yet he went to his half-century from 53 balls with eight fours, kept Sussex up with the asking rate, in spite of wickets falling regularly at the other end, and

finally brought home the bacon. Kent's total was less formidable than they had every reason to hope. In the early stages, Ward made everything look relatively easy. Walker's uncertain start did not inhibit his partner and Ward made 36 of the 49 put on for the first wicket with an array of strokes that were not bettered in Kent's innings, not even by Walker as his tensions eased and he began to lay about him.

Walker's 60 from 65 balls was the best score of Kent's innines and his partnership with Allan Wells, which realised 86 from 16 overs, was the most productive. Wells saw Walker. after he had hit a six and seven fours, fall to Khan, whose leg breaks constituted the only bowling that made the batsman think.

It made Kent's middle and late order think more than they would have liked, although Cowdrey played well for his 39 and Fleming looked good until he changed his bat and was bowled before he had time to use the new one. Having had Cowdrey deftly stumped, Khan induced more mistakes and, with Jarvis, ensured that 135 for one became 220 for nine and time for Kent had run out.

Moderate total though this was, it would have been more than enough but for Athey. Three losses from three starts had seen Sussex begin this match with little confidence. Perhaps this win will see them move onward



It's a game of two halves.



Why stop at two?



CRICKET: WARWICKSHIRE REDISCOVER APPETITE

Feeble Middlesex can offer only limited resistance

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) heat Middlesex by 108 runs

MIDDLESEX, without Jacques Kallis, their overseas professional — who now has a muscle strain after a stomach upset - and fielding four uncapped players plus David Nash, the reserve wicketkeeper, lost heavily at Edgbaston yesterday for the second time in two days.

Warwickshire hardly needed Allan Donald yesterday, but there is no doubt that it is the presence of the world's best fast bowler that has lifted the side recently, even in the absence of Tim Munton, the county captain, and resharpened their ambitions.

Neil Smith, Warwickshire's Sunday captain, led by example. lifting Angus Fraser for two sixes over long-on and, although Wasim soon departed. Dougie Brown was able to maintain the early impetus. Mike Gatting no longer has John Emburey to turn the screw when required, but Keith Dutch did a reasonable job of blocking one end as Warwickshire tried to acceler-

ate on an easy, if used, pitch. Two good catches by lan Blanchett, perhaps the first graduate of Luton University to enter first-class cricket, did delay Warwickshire and Gatting held on to a cannonball, before it could hole his midriff, to remove the danger-At 117 for four, off 26 overs,

Middlesex must have been pleased and confident. Things went wrong when Gatting had to recall Fraser to support Richard Johnson and Blanchert, James Hewitt having bowled his stint in one spell. Eighty-six runs came off the last ten overs as Trevor Penney and Dominic Ostler. old hands at this game, leaned

Moles digs deep .. Stately Gallian ...

back and enjoyed themselves before an appreciative crowd on a glorious afternoon.

Penney scored at a rate of a run a ball until well taken on the midwicket boundary by Nash, while Ostler hit both Johnson and Blanchett for six. his unbeaten 68 coming off 58 balls. Fraser, looking like a man who wished that he was elsewhere, was hit for 20 in his last two overs and some in the crowd were ill-mannered

enough to jeer when his bowling figures were announced. A target of 223 was not out of reach, given a confident batting order, but the champion ship defeat on Saturday, and the necessity to send for reinforcements, seemed to have left Middlesex in a defeatist mood. Admittedly, Warwick-shire are particularly nimble and well-equipped for limited-Dougie Brown and Graeme

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Welch, the opening bowlers. are experts at mag and needle. The batsmen know that they have to make runs against them because, in the middle of the innings, they may have to face Donald. Six overs had yielded just 22

runs when the newly-capped Welch celebrated by trapping Mark Ramprakash, an early and substantial blow. The same bowler had Paul Weekes caught behind seven runs later and the innings all but keeled over at 37 when Gatting was not quick enough to beat Brown's long throw to the

Scott Moffatt's attempts to rescue the situation foundered when Donald threw himself to reach a catch at mid on. Gladstone Small some much-needed bowling practice - and was swept for six by Brown - but finished with a career-best five for 26 as Warwickshire ambled to what could well be their easiet win



Johnson and Archer flay Derbyshire bowlers



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TRENT BRIDGE (Derhyshire won toss): Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Derbyshire by 32 runs

THERE were runs and, indeed, centuries aplenty at Trent Bridge yesterday. The most impressive batting came from Paul Johnson, the Nottinghamshire captain, whose partnership of 198 in 28 overs with Graeme Archer effectively won the match. Nobody struck the ball harder than Chris Adams when Derbyshire batted, but insufficient runs were scored by a succession of partners.

their championship match on Saturday was astounding. Buoyed by that, he batted yesterday as he so often does in the one-day game, which is to say disdainfully. His first century of the season in any competition, 117, came off 92 balls and included 11 fours and a

True, Derbyshire were without Aldred, Cork, DeFreitas and Malcolm. Jones deployed four bowlers, including himself, who had two or three expensive overs apiece, unable as they were to contain Johnson and Archer on this even paced pitch. Both barsmen drove and pulled with a keen awareness of

Archer's 104 not out was his highest score in the Sunday League. It came off 107 balls and included seven fours. This was the first time two Nottinghamshire batsmen had made hundreds in the same match in this competition. Hayhurst then took two wickets in successive balls, but enough runs had aiready been made.

Derbyshire required more than just a decent opening stand from Adams and Jones. These two batted attractively and well until Jones made to sweep a full toss from Bates and was struck on the front pad. They put on 117 in 20 overs. Adams should have been held at deep mid-wicket when he had made 70. struck his sunglasses.

Adams reached his century off 90 balls, and it included eight fours and two sixes driven over long-off and long-on. A third six followed, but wickets were falling at the other end and the asking rate was up to 12 an over well before he was yorked by Bowen,

having made 121. Adams, like Johnson, is deserving of at least one cap in one day international cricket, but he will have to wait a while now. Bowen, who took it wickets in the championship match against Derbyshire, gained three more and Oram, a 22-year-old seamer who was

full flow as Durham savour victory dash

BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Worcestershire won toss): Durham (4pts) bt Worcestershire by even wickers

MARTIN SPEIGHT ensured that Durham produced one of men most commanding per formances in the Axa Life League. His masterful innings of 61, with five fours and a six, was studded with numble footwork and improvised strokes. Had the match been rainaffected, the result should

have been measured not by the Duckwurth/Lewis Method but on the Richter scale, such were the tremors Worcester

shire suffered.

When Speight perished in the style he had prospered, being caught while reverse sweeping. Durham required only another 70 from 19 overs. With David Boon as a formidable anchor, they duly achieved a second Sunday win at their Riverside headquarters, bridging a two-year gap since they defeated Warwick shire in the inaugural game

Worcestershire were distinctly out of sorts; their in-nings of 177 for six featuring only two boundaries before the 35th over, when David Leatherdale added muchneeded impetus to make 53 not out with five fours from 48

-Having crawled to 103 for five, Worcestershire thrived on Riverside bounty, and a flurry of strokes from Stuart Lampitt, as 74 were plundered from the final ten overs.

It was still difficult to ascertain whether Worcestershire's batting or bowling was worse. They played as if their minds were elsewhere, they ultimately used seven bowlers and delivered a pleshora of so-balls and wides.

Durham's attack looked fearsome in companison cal, Alan Walker bowled a challenging line and James Boiling took two wickers in his firs now balls including that of Cayin Hausers taught in congressity of a fell toss, when looking in bresistible form. It just emphasized

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Speight in | Glamorgan increase pressure on * ailing Hampshire

BY RICHARD HORSON

CARDIFF (Hampshire won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Hampshire by six wickets

VICTORY against county op-position continues to clude Hampshire, whatever the competition. After 13 games, they remain the only first-class side yet to record a win against one of their own and, yesterday, the lack of depth within their side was cruelly

Their innings never recovcred from the loss of Smith and Hayden in successive overs by Dale. In the field, they could not maintain the accuracy required to stifle batsmen who were content to nudge and tickle their way to the target of 181 on a pitch that did little to encourage stroke-

Hayden, in particular, owed his side an explanation. Hampshire were 90 for two in the twentieth over when, with minimal footwork he attempted to drive a wide delivery from Dale through the off side, only to drag the ball on to his stumps.

Consolidation rather than acceleration thus became the edict and, with the exception of Kendall and Stephenson, none of the remaining batsmen reached double figures, until Renshaw struck an entertaining 15, after Waqar Yourns had removed Stephenson. Aymes and Udal in the space of four balls.

in the absence of Croft, Glamorgan promoted Thomas to the role of pinch-hitter but the youngster lasted just five overs before being pinned on the back foot by the improving Renshaw. Three overs later, Morris offered a return catch to Udal to further encourage the visitors. How-ever, Dale, completing a halfcentury from 58 deliveries and Maynard, curtailing his natural attacking inclinations, added 87 in 17 overs before Dale drove Udal to cover.

Cottey proved an equally seliable partner, penetrating the in-field with consistent alacrity and, when Maynard was superbly stumped by the dextrous Aymes, Glamorgan required just 25 more runs

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Umpires: A Clarkson and N T Plane. Glamorgan v Hampshire CARCIEF (Hampstore won to par (40%) beat Hampstore by

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Total (32.6 overs) 114 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-29, 3-37, 4-58, 6-74, 6-82, 7-89, 8-108, 9-114. IG Brown 5-1-15-0; Welch 8-0-33-ld 3:5-0-5-2; Small 8-0-26-5; Smith Umpires: J C Saiderstone and R A White

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RUGBY UNION: LESSONS MUST BE LEARNT FROM OPENING ENCOUNTER AS TOUR KICKS OFF WITH A WIN

Lions set off in the right direction

invitation XV...

British Isles XV ... FROM DAVID HANDS

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN PORT BUILDANETH

IF THE Lions fail in their series with South Africa, it will not be for lack of ambition. Ambition, though, requires surer foundation and the dominant lesson of the first game played by the British Isles in South Africa for 17 years, in the bright sunshine of the Boet Erasmus stadium here on Saturday, was that tackles

Earlier in the week, Nigel Horton, the former England and Lions lock, emphasised the muscular strength of South African backs and the Eastern Province Invitation XV—among the weakest com-bination that the Lions will meet — emphasised precisely his point. If the first-time tackling is not sure, then better opponents will make the Lions pay in a way that the Mighty Elephants, their claims somewhat over-trumpeted before the game, could not.

Yet it was a worthy enough beginning in which individ-uals — Will Greenwood, Scott Quinnell, Doddie Weir - laid down markers for others to follow. Any team that scores five tries and finishes so strongly is entitled to the degree of satisfaction that the Lions clearly feit, even if they lost their way in the middle passage of the game to such an extent that Eastern Province held an 11-10 lead for 14 minutes of the second half.

Lost their way and lost the ball. In the southern hemisphere, recovery of possession is seldom so easy as at home. The touchline is not seen as an obvious option, hence the total of only 17 decisive lineouts inthe match — compared with 33 scrums — and the team that keeps ball in hand is likely to be awarded the scrums. Moreover, if the Lions kick as badly to touch as they did here, they will waste the advantage that penalty awards can bring. Johan Kluyts, the provincial coach, suggested that teams:



Wood, the British Isles and Ireland hooker, breaks a tackle during the opening game of the South African tour in Port Elizabeth

other than the Lions found difficulty in locating touch in Port Elizabeth's gusty winds, but far too many clearances by Gregor Townsend and Neil Jenkins — admittedly playing his first game for ten weeks — were simply mis-hit. Clearly, there is work to do for David Alred, the kicking coach.

Townsend, though, was part of a most creative back line, in which Jeremy Guscott, largely ignored by England last season, simply revelled. He scored the first try of the tour (as he did four years ago in New Zealand) by sliding between two opponents and added another by reading Greenwood's half-break and

line of run so well that he came back inside and found nobody in his way.

"I have had Jerry on two Lions tours and always admired him," Ian McGeechan, the coach, said, "but today I think we saw Will grow up alongside him. In the first half, he was a little tentative, playing in a new arena. In the second, he was up to speed, playing with confidence."

Centre and back row are areas of strength upon which the Lions will depend hugely. The difficulty for the touring side, however, is that Jenkins is not a strike runner in the numld of the modern full back yet remains so good a football-

poses in the eighteenth centu-

ry and as anyone who has

studied the lbw law or tea-

interval regulations can tes-

tify. On the other hand, it is

not necessary to understand

aerodynamics to bowl or ap-

preciate reverse swing, nor to

comprehend the physiology of hand-eye co-ordination to play

Similarly, it is quite possible

to participate in or enjoy the

pursuit of a revised target

without having the advanced

statistical expertise to know how that target is calculated.

Certainly, Duckworth-Lew-is is capable of further refine-

ment. For instance, at the

moment, it takes no account of

the enhanced run-scoring op-

portunities in the first 15 overs

of 50-over matches, as an

insufficient number have been

played under these relatively

new regulations which en-

courage the "pinch-hitting" approach. One assumes, how-

ever, that, as the latter be-

comes a feature of the limited-

or admire a cover drive.

er — and consummate goalkicker - that room must be made for him.

"This game gave us a pic-ture of what we are trying to do," McGeechan said, indeed, the quality of handling in the opening quarter, in the face of opponents, hinted at a new dimension for British rugby and was even reproduced by tactical replacements late in the game. Tony Underwood speeding through a forest of defenders and Jeremy David-son imposing himself as ballwinner and ball-handler in a six-minute cameo.

At one stage in the first quarter, the Lions looked likely to swamp Eastern Province, but conceded two penalties at vital moments. Playing into the wind, they were limited to a penalty goal from Jenkins and Guscott's first try, the product of good work down the blind side of a scrum.

However, van Rensburg, one of four capped players in the Invitation XV, converted two of four first-half penalty attempts and when, early in the second half, le Roux moved from centre to standoff, Kayser darted over to round off a delightful move from the back division.

The Lions could not build on the drives of Smith (the only casualty, with a stiff neck) and Dallaglio until Quinnell's powerful burst from a scrum established the maul from which Weir, the Scotland lock, emerged with the try that removed the lead. Welr has the most unwanted job on tour understudy to the captain supernumerary to anyone, helping the Lions to virtual equality in the lineout after they had won only two balls in

the first half. Thereafter, the Lions cut loose: Jenkins's second penal-

World XV 52

BY NICOLAS ANDREWS

WHAT was it all for? In these

days of unprecedented fixture

congestion, when the hard

noses of professionalism have

sent traditional encounters be-

tween ancient foes to the wall,

it was strange to hear Bob Dwyer talk of the importance

"The players of today owe it

to the players of the future to

keep fixtures like this going,"

Dwyer, the World XV coach, said. "I want to cut down on

fixtures, but not fixtures that

are imperative to the future of

These sort of games are an

opportunity for people to see

great players, and it was a

terrific opportunity for Wasps

to play other than their first-

team players - and I thought some of them did very well."

the game.

of matches such as this.

ty goal set them on their way to 24 points in the final 13 minutes, Underwood turning a poor pass by Jenkins to good account by sprinting clear from 30 metres and Guscott haring through to complete the opening created by Townsend and Greenwood, who completed the scoring from a pass by Underwood.

SCOREME: Bestian Province Invitation XV: Try: Kayser, Penalty goals: Van Rensburg (2), British Isles XV: Tries: Buscon (2), Wer. Underwood, Greenwood. endens (2)

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(Newcaste and England, 68); Wood replaced by & Williams (Richmond and
Wales, 68); Shaw replaced by J Devideon
(London Insh and treand, 74).

Reference, A. Turner (Gerton)

Pair enough, but a non-competitive workout for the

Wasps second XV, albeit

against Campese, Serevi and

the rest, is never going to set the rugby world alight. Some

25,000 spectators enjoyed 12 tries in the Twickenham sun-

shine, and plenty of attractive

rugby, but one was left with

that Sanyo - who provided the funds and a trophy - and

the preanisers still have much

to do if this fixture is to find a

comfortable home within the

calendar. Moving it to a week

before the start of the new

season (à la football's Charity

Shield) would help, for a start.

Wasps, without Dallaglio, Gomarsall, Sheasby, Green-

stock, King, Molloy and Hen-

derson, played their part, but

were well-beaten by an assort-

ment of French and southern

hemisphere luminaries. Rees,

the Wasos captain, was an

inspiration, despite having

just jetted in from Hong Kong.

Leadership of John

is decisive factor

undeniable impression

England rue missed opportunities

England XV

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FROM MARK SOUSTER IN BUENOS ALIES

goalkicking wins matches, but rarely can it have been more appropriate than at the Bue-nos Aires Cricket and Rugby Club on Saturday, when England's name was added to a notable list of scalps. In the past three years, New Zealand, Canada and France have also been beaten there.

defeat by a side containing 13 full internationals, but England will be kicking them-selves for allowing a match in which the lead changed hands five times to slip from their

What was largely a scratch England side missed eight kicks at goal, five penalties and three conversions. The main culprit was Mark Mapletoft, who, in the last eight dramatic minutes, with England trailing narrowly, missed four penalty attempts in quick succession — the third hit an upright - any one of which would have ensured that they would not have been beaten. In contrast, José Cilley amassed 18 points from five penalty goals and a dropped

Alex King, who Mapletoft had replaced, had earlier failed to convert any one of England's three tries, scored Ben Clarke, Phil de by Ben Clarke, Phil de Glanville and Jim Mallinder, and he also missed a penalty. Had any of those gone over, then Mapletoft, the Gloucester stand-off half, would not have found himself in the situation he did, but that is of scant who, to his credit, refused to make excuses.

Admitting that he did not strike any of his kicks especially well, Mapletoft said: "My goalkicking has been excellent all year and today it let me down. There can be no excuses when you do it week in, week out, for your club. At the end of the day, the pitch is the same size and the goalposts are in the same position.

"It is such a skill; you take the accolades when you get them all season. It is very easy to be up and buoyant when you have done that. At the same time, maybe you need to see the downside to remember you are only human. "Looking back over the sea-

sions to ensure that the teams

turned round at 17-17. The

World XV found another gear

after the break, however, and

"We have been saying all

season that the club is more

than a XV, and some unfamil-

iar faces did a good job today,"

Rees said. "It was a positive experience. There were lots of

young kids out there, and that

brand of rugby was the right

kind of thing to attract them.

Once the game loosened up, it

No 10, might have doubled the

try count had he not been so

keen to go it alone, but "the

world's greatest sevens play-er" did that particular reput-

ation no harm. The three tries

that he did score, coupled with

a gem from Sella, were worth

the rather steep admission fee

So, with deserved late tries

on their own.

Indeed it did. Serevi, the Fiji

played into Serevi's hands."

scored a further five tries.

Game that must move with the times

the times you have kicked goals to win games and yet I would swap any of those for one of those today going over.

King, who kicked two penalty goals in the first five minutes before losing his range, should be a better player for his experience, although his cause will not have been helped by the fact that he is goalkicking understudy to Gareth Rees at Wasps. "I have learnt a lot today,"

he said. "I learnt that little mistakes can turn a game around so quickly at this level. Mentally, it is a huge step up. I have got to be honest and realise I have got to work at my goalkicking. I have yet to convince people I can do a

Argentina yesterday announced their side to play England in the first international on Saturday. It includes 12 of the team that lost narrowly at Twickenham in December. The exceptions are



De Glanville: try-scorer

Federico Méndez, who has called a truce in his dispute with the Argentine union, and Solari and Soler, the wings. Four of the side - Reggiardo, Mendez, Grau and Llanes are based overseas.

Seracers). King replaced by M Mapleton (Gloucester, 5 Inn't): Clarke replaced by M Corry (Bretot, 58); de Glanville replaced by J Bassindell (Sale, 74). Referer: I Rogers (South Airios).

ARGENTINA (v. England May 31): Jurado, T. Solan, E. Smone, L. Arboud, Soler; G. Ouseade, N. Femandez, Marcada, Reggierdo, F. Méndez, R. Grau, R. Mertin, Llanas, P. Sporieder, P. Camerindo, Boum.

brought down the curtain on

their season, and a few lucky

players can look forward to a

short break. Rees, however, is

off to play for Canada and the

Wasps squad begins pre-sea-

son training a month from

today. Something has to give.

today. Something has to give.

SCORERS: Waspa: Triest Logen (2), Roiser, White Conversions: Rees (4). Penalty opel. Rees World XV: Tries: Server (3), Vunitoria (2), Campese, Otehengoue, Sela. Conversions: Vero (4).

WASPS: Julton, S Roser, L Scrase, M Hall (Cardill), K Logan; G Rees, M Wood; W Green, S Mitchell, A Black, M Greenwood, D Cronin, A Reed, M Writte, P Scrivener Green replaced by K Dunn (40mn); Scrase replaced by A James (45), Reed replaced by H Kinsey (51); Mitchell replaced by M Gariffiths (81), Curren replaced by J Worsley (67); James replaced by Cronn (71).

WORLD XV: S Viers (France); E Rush (New Zestend), P Salla (Fr. L Arbozu (Argentina), D Campese (Austraka); W Screvi (Fil), G Bechop (M2), D Theron (South Africa), J Datton (SA), B Swert (SA), J Otsherogaue (Aus), H Strydom (SA), O Roumat (Fr), F Plenser (SA), J J Ossph (NZ) Strydom replaced by F Van Heerden (SA, 26). Bechop replaced by B Redpeth (Scrotend, 41); Datton replaced by J M Gonzalez (Fr, 41); Carmese replaced by N Popplewell (heland, 54) Piensar replaced by N Popplewell (heland, 54) Piensar replaced by Push (62), Roumat replaced by Strydom (67), Referes D Méré (France)

SPORTS LETTERS

Duckworth-Lewis offers fairest method yet

From Mr Keith R. Booth Sir, May I enter a defence of the recently introduced but already much maligned Duckworth-Lewis method of recalculating targets in rain-affected limited-overs cricket matches (report, May 13)?

Cricket at its best is a coalescence of runs, time (whether measured in minutes or overs) and wickets. Minimise one of those elements, namely wickets, as in limited overs cricket, and, as your correspondent rightly indicates, the game becomes more artificial even though it allows the breathless hush of four-day cricket to be replaced by Sunday razzmatazz and football-style support.

Introduce an element of interference by the weather and the game becomes even more artificial when a winner has to be determined by methods other than playing out the match and giving each overs. A number of methods have been devised to respond to such situations from the straight runs-per-over, which favours the side batting second, to the most productive overs, which over-corrects the balance towards the side bat-

ting first. Discounted run-rate and the Clarke curve get nearer to being fair to both sides, but the big advantage of Duckworth-Lewis is that, by looking at the total resources available to the batting side and taking into account wickets as well as overs, it leaves the statistical

chances of victory the same after a rain-break as they were While it is true that the

umpires have opted out of the actual calculations, the de jure position under the laws of cricket is that they are responsible for the accuracy of the scores and the result. The de facto position, however, is that the effective responsibility lies with the scorers, so there is nothing new there. True it may be that many are of pensionable age, but it does not follow that old dogs cannot learn new tricks. Despite the initial inadequacies of the system, they have coped with computerisation and they will

cope with Duckworth-Lewis. The calculations are nowhere near as complicated as some try to make out: computer software will do the arithmetic anyway and, in the event of a breakdown, the sums at any rain-break are no more complicated than a sim-ple subtraction and percentage calculation.

There may well be logistical difficulties on some grounds, especially when a break for rain is particularly brief, in communicating the required information to those who need to know - captains, umpires, scoreboard operators, the pub-lic address announcer and the press — but those are not a failing of the method itself.

Finally, let us rid ourselves of the notion that cricket is a simple game. It has not been that ever since the aristocracy hijacked it for gambling pur-

League ruling lacked logic

Sir. Oliver Holt (May 19) wrote that few inside the game would argue against the Pre-mier League's decision to dock Middlesbrough three points.

All, except perhaps the man-ager of Blackburn Rovers, have allowed their hearts to rule their heads. Blackburn were clearly the offended party and should have been awarded the match and financially compensated for their loss. The league's ruling to award every club three points in relation to Middlesbrough was unjust to Blackburn and to Middlesbrough.

If Middlesbrough had beaten Blackburn, when the match was eventually played, Black-burn would not have gained any points over Middles-brough, but all other clubs would have gained three. It could have meant, if Blackburn had not gained other sufficient points, the

overs game, tables will be final table ending thus: South-ampton, Middlesbrough, Covrevised to take account of it. In the meantime, Duckentry, Blackburn, Sunder-land, Nottingham Forest, In that case, Blackburn would worth-Lewis, despite one or two minor imperfections, is the fairest method yet invented rightly have appealed against and my guess is that it will the Premier League decision, pointing out how illogical it soon be an accepted part of the limited-overs game. Yours faithfully, Yours faithfully, KEITH R. BOÖTH

Still on stream

From the Secretary of State for National Heritage Sir, Your report ("Promises

(Scorer, Surrey County

6 Kingswood Drive,

Sutton, Surrey.

that too often go up in smoke", May 20) was inaccurate in two First, it is not our intention

to reduce the amount of money going to sport from the National Lottery. Our proposals for a new stream of lottery funding for health and education-related projects will use only the additional money coming in to the lottery as a result of the institution of the midweek draw. The existing streams of funding, including for sport, will be unaffected.

It is also incorrect to say there is any threat to the Academy for Sport. There is not. We fully support the project and look forward to making a decision on its decision in the near future. Yours sincerely,

CHRIS SMITH Department of National Heritage. 204 Cockspur Street, SWI.

tained ambitions to represent Cambridge University at athletics (in which I succeeded), and at bridge and ballroom dancing (in which I did not), and who has pursued all these activities at a reasonably high level of performance in later life, note that, while some of the reasons advanced for awarding ballroom dancing a Blue seem rather frivolous, his conviction that it is entitled to be regarded as a serious sporting activity is undiminished.

In particular, Ms Freya Incledon's suggestion (Sports Letters, May 16) that, because the Varsity dancing match takes the form of a ball, this disqualifies the teams from suitable recognition seems disingenuous. Balls are. in my experience, not atypical of the type of function at which ballroom dancing takes place! Yours faithfully, P. F. BURROWS.

89 Saundersness Road, E14.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

IN BUCHAIRST

PAUL JOHN, the Pontypridd scrum half, was the inspiration for Wales A in a hardfought contest in Bucharest on Saturday. In a match that saw the lead change hands six times, John — abetted by the boot of Arwel Thomas guided his team home.

"Paul was immense all

afternoon; he gave one of the best all-round displays of leadership I think I've ever seen," David Pickering, the Wales A team manager, said. Kevin Bowring, the national coach, was also pleased with the performances of the half backs. "It was great to see Arwel playing such an influ-

ential role once again, but the

man of the match was without

doubt Paul John," he said.

It was Thomas who sprint and final time.

Triomas (3).

ROMANIA A: V Martisi (Dinamo); L Colceriu (Steaus), G Solomie (Timiscare Uni),
M Dumitru (Ferul), V Britci (Ferul); N
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Uni); L Costea (Steaus), M Radol (Dinamo), N Dragos (Steaus), F Corodeanu
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captain), C Loader (Swansea), B Jankins
(Swansea), L Mustoe (Cardif), M Lloyd
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N Watdris (Neath, 37-40 and 86), Thomas
replaced by L Jarvis (Cardif), 78), R
McBryde (Lanelli) temporary replacement
for Appleyard (56-58)

Auckland cruise past Sharks to third final

He created a superb try for Logan and kicked his conver-brought down the curtain on

By Our Sports Staff

AUCKLAND BLUES, the holders and favourites, will contest the final of the Super 12 tournament - and their third in all - against Australian Capital Territory Brumbies on home soil at Eden Park this Saturday.

Auckland, unbeaten this season, were outstanding in the first half of their semi-final against Natal Sharks, leading 33-5 — so comfortable was their lead that Zinzan Brooke, their captain, was substituted. Natal came back strongly, with Joos Joubert to the fore, but Auckland rallied and won 55-36 in a match where detence seemed a taboo word.

ACT will have an uphill task to beat Auckland — Ian McIntosh, the Natal coach, when asked about the chances of Auckland being beaten at home, replied: "Beaten here? Not in your lifetime." - but were impressive in disposing

of Wellington Hurricanes in front of a record crowd of nearly 24,000 at Bruce Stadium, Canberra, on Saturday night. ACT scored five tries to two in a 33-20 victory, with David Knox, the veteran Australia international, orchestrating events.

The Pacific Rim championship was restored to a semblance of normality this weekend when Canada, still dazed from their surprise defeat by Japan last week, beat Hong Kong 35-27 in the colony on Saturday. Japan subsided 20-12 to the United States, previously without a win in the tournament, in Osaka yesterday.

☐ Gloucester have signed two further players from Bath. Ian Sanders, the scrum half, and Neil McCarthy, the hooker take the total number of former Bath players at Kingsholm to nine.

From Mr Gavin Willacy Sir, Surely Sussex's plans to

Timely decision

play some home games at Ipm this season (report, May 12) are not forward thinking but rather common logic. I find it astonishingly inept

of English cricket clubs that not only do they fail dismally to promote or market the county game, they play when only the retired, unemployed or students can regularly watch them. Of Lancashire's 49 sched-

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an All Control

uled days of home cricket this summer, only 17 are at weekends, with some of those Saturdays destined to be lost as they are the final days of several games. Even more narrow-minded was the decision to deny the public cricket on two bank holidays.

In contrast, the World Series champions, New York Yankees, have 81 home games of baseball in 1997, with only Il played on midweek after-

noons. Half take place on midweek evenings, with the rest at the weekend. Half are promoted with free gifts from sponsors. Not surprisingly, with admission kept at around £5 to £15, attendances are rarely below 20,000.

It seems obvious that championship games should start at 12.30pm midweek and continue until 8pm, therefore allowing spectators to watch during lunch breaks and see a half-day of cricket after work. Matches must be arranged, as much as possible, at times people can watch without taking days off work.

Then it would be worth selling the game to the public rather than relying on television money for its existence. Yours faithfully, GAVIN WILLACY.

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Serious activity

JOHN BROWN,

51 Rosebery Court,

Leighton Buzzard,

From Mr Peter Burrows Sir, May one who once enter-

ed 40 metres with just two minutes left to score the try that crowned a magnificent fightback by Wales A as they took the lead for the fourth

SCORERS: Romania A: Tries: Hadoi (2), Nichtean, Bno. Maltei. Conversions: Nichtean (4). Walse A: Tries: John, Back, Wallons, Thomas. Appleyard. Conversions: Thomas (3). Jarvis. Penalty goals: Thomas (3).

RACING: BRITISH RAIDERS ROUTED AGAIN AS DESERT KING COMPLETES MEMORABLE IRISH GUINEAS DOUBLE FOR YOUNG TRAINER

Another O'Brien rises to Ballydoyle tradition

decade searching for the natural successor to Vincent O'Brien and the quest finally ended at the Curragh yesterday when the great trainer's namesake, Aidan O'Brien, saddled his second classic winner in successive days. The occasion surely commemorated the dawn of a new genius within

the sport of kings.
Just as the O'Brien-trained duo, Classic Park and Strawberry Roan, dominated the closing stages to the Airlie/Coolmore Irish 1,000 Guineas on Saturday. Desert King treated his opponents in the Lexus Irish 2,000 Guineas with unreserved contempt. The two victories were gained with the assurance to have characterised O'Brien's rapid rise up the training ranks. ireland last celebrated vic-

tory in the 2,000 Guineas when Vincent sent out Prince Of Birds to triumph in 1988. And the symmetry was not lost on the sun-kissed crowd. which accorded the younger and unrelated O'Brien an estatic reception after Desert King stormed past Revoque as though the latter had run into a wall. Derby aspirations for

Revoque are now in tatters. Revoque was dispatched the 11-10 favourite to improve on his second place in the British equivalent. But the colt. who raced prominently on the outside all the way, capitulated quickly when Desert King swept through on his outer.

IRISH racing has spent a ing only to deceive in third place, it was left to Verglas, an unconsidered 33-1 chance, to give vain chase. By now Desert King had found his stride, and he lengthened away to win by three lengths.

O'Brien, 27, was adamant Desert King would have no trouble staying the Derby distance. But the gut reaction of Michael Tabor, who owns the Danehill colt in partnership with John Magnier, was to save Desert King for the Irish equivalent. The same

"He came back with a dirty nose, as did Romanov," the trainer said. The Derby is now unlikely for Revoque. We'll probably give him a break and aim him at Royal Ascot." In addition to Romanov's third place, Yalaietanee

finished a creditable fourth. confirming his superiority over Fantastic Fellow in France. The upshot was a general contraction in Entrepreneur's Derby odds. Ladbrokes shortening him to 6-4 on and Coral to 5-4 on.

BIG-RACE DETAILS

3.55 AIRLIE/COOLMORE IRISH 1.000 GUINEAS (Group | 3-Y-0 284,250: 1m) 1. CLASSIC PARK (S Crains, 20-1), 2. Strawberry Roan (C Roche, 4-1); 3. Caiseal Ros (K J Marning, 20-1), ALSO RAN 3 (3v Ryalari (4th), 9-2 Oh Neille (5th), Seebe (6th), 5 Dazzle, 40 Via Verbano, 50 Royale, 100 Almost Skirrt, 10 ran 11, 21-1, 3th Id, 3i, 3i, 110 Ran, 10 Ren in Veland Tote: £33 00: P C'Brien in Weland Tote: £33 00: £6 40, £1 80, £3 30 DF £54.10. CSF: £83.84

1.10 LEXUS IRISH 2,000 GUNERS |Group I: 3-Y-O; £112,700* 1m)

alliance's colours are carried by Entrepreneur, so it is hardly surprising the two colts are likely to be kept apart. He was not fazed by the

implications of Revoque's heavy defeat, which cast Entrepreneur's 2,000 Guineas verdict over Revoque in a less favourable light. Tabor's feeling was to prove accurate: Peter Chapple-Hyam, who trains Revoque, later explained the horse's lacklustre With Romanov briefly flatter- performance in sixth place.

1. DESERT KING (C Roche, 3-1); 2, Verglas (W J Supple, 33-1); 3, Romanov (R Hughes, 11-1). ALSO RAN-11-10 lav Revoque (6th), 7 Royal Amaretto, 8 Yatasatanee (4th), 20 Musical Pursul, 33 Fantassic Fellow (5th), 50 Mosconi, Peerfree House, 10 Sharemono, 200 Bob The Broker 12 Ran. 3, 21, 21, 24, 3, 1, A P O'Bren in Ireland, Tote. £3,80; £1,70, £3,90, £3,10 DF: £54,40 CSF: £35,51.

As if two classics in as many

days were not enough, O'Bri-

en fired an early shot across the bows of the 1998 versions when saddling King Of Kings to a deeply impressive victory in the Glengarrif EBF Maiden Stakes for two-year-olds. The quietly-spoken O'Brien

could hardly contain himself after King Of Kings obliterated his eight opponents with an eight-length victory; and that margin would have doubled had Christy Roche allowed the the time he was out of a field for two days he could have won a maiden," the Ballydoyle handler said of this halfbrother to the sprinter, General Monash. "He is a very, very special horse. His work has been brilliant."

Ladbrokes installed Sadler's Wells colt at 14-1 favourite for next year's 2,000 Guineas. "I make no apologica for his price." Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes said. "This horse will be odds-on for any twoar-old race he rums in." Indeed he will, for King Of Kings radiates class.

Meanwhile, Classic Park, who stretched her juvenile win the Irish 1,000 Guineas on Saturday, is expected to test her new-found status in the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot. The unlucky Strawberry Roan is almost certain to contest the Oaks a week on

plame for Strawberry Roan's defeat. The filly, who returned home with a cut forehead after running into Frankie Dettori's whip, finished her race with gusto once clear of the traffic For her tribulations Strawberry Roan earned an 11-2 Epsom quote with Coral.

The four-strong British challenge did badly: Oh Nellie, Dazzle and Seebe all failed to stay. Ryafan, probably not quite at her best and compromised by the sedate gallop. fared best in fourth.



Desert King and Roche sweep clear to gain an impressive win in the Irish 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh yesterday

SANDOWN PARK

2.05 Zelda Zonk

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3.40 BOLD WORDS (nap) 4.45 Purchaskro Power

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3,05 FARHANA.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Celeric. 3.40 INSATIABLE (nap).

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Fallon given ten-day ban for ride

KIEREN FALLON was suspended for ten days and fined £1,500 for his riding of the Ed Dunlop-trained Musical Dancer in the group one Derby Italiano in Rome

in Italy

The suspension, which will be added to the four-day ban he received at Doncaster on the Vodafooe Oaks, in which his retaining trainer. Henry Cecil, is responsible for Reams Of Verse, the short-priced favourite, and Yashmak. Fallon, who will also miss the opening day of Royal Ascot, landed the first fillies' classic of the season, the 1,000 Guineas, on Sleepytime.

The Derby Italiano was won by Single Empire.



Fallon: suspended

trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam and ridden by David Harrison. Single Empire was eighth coming into the straight but made steady headway inside the final furlong to deny the German challenger, Ungaro, on the line. Panama City, also trained by Chapple-Hyam, was third, with Paul Cole's Badlesmere fourth and Musical Dancer fifth.

Musical Dancer began his run two furlongs out only to hang badly left over a furlong out, hampering Risiat, who held every chance at the time. Ivan Luis, trained by Michael Bell, dead-heated for sixth but was promoted to fifth on the demotion to seventh of Musical Dancer.

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3.45 TOTE ZETLAND GOLD CUP HANDICAP

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4.15 STOKESLEY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,561: 67) (9)

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4.50 ROSE BARDEN HANDICAP (52.976: 1m 6i 19yd) (10)

7-2 Carapaspe, 5-1 Bratesse, 13-2 Danagues, Mouncaines, 7-1 Sindhards, Danking Smarke, 8-1 Lord Hastin. Highfield Fizz, 15-1 offers,

COURSE SPECIALISTS THANKERS. P Harris, 5 minners from 25 namers, 20.0%; Mrs. J.Cesil. 3 from 16. 18.8%; H. Cacal. 6 from 33, 18.2%; J. Glovie, 3 from 21, 14.3%; T. Barron, 10 from 77, 16.1%. JOCKEYS: W Ryan, 11 waters from 71 rides, 15.5%; J Claim, 5 laws 42, 11.9%, 5 Copp. 4 from 35, 11.4%. Only qualifiers

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2.30 Tikopia. 3.00 Star Precision. 3.30 Sharp Shuttle. 4.00 Fayik. 4.30 Swoosh. 5.00 Tinker GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) DRAW: 6F-1M. HIGH NUMBERS BEST

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3.00 ST ATHAN FILLIES HANDICAP (£8,448: 1m 4f 23yd) (8)

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4.00 ST BRIAVELS MAIDEN STAKES (£3,761: 1m 14yd) (8) 0-0. ATOMIC SHELL 20 C Well 4-9-10.

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4.30 ST WEDNARDS SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,262: 6l 16yd) (7)

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5.00 ST BRIDES FILLES HANDICAP (£3,784; 6l 16yd) (15)

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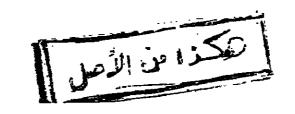
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Desert Prince impressed on his successful debut in the EBF Zetland Maiden Stakes at Doncaster on Saturday. The David Loder-trained son of Green Desert, sent off at 5-2 on will be simple at the Computer Stakes at Section 2. will be aimed at the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot next month. "He is still weak and immature but has so much ability. "Loder's travelling head lad, Ricky Bowman, said.



RACING: YORKSHIRE CUP WINNER POISED TO FOLLOW UP AT SANDOWN TODAY

Celeric can continue good work

CHANNEL 4

2.05: Dancing Drop, placed in listed company last term, is the class performer. However, she may be found out giving away so much weight on her seasonal reappearance as she comes from a stable with a low.

first-time strike rate. Plaisir D'Amour returns to the trip which saw her win twice at Leicester earlier this term, but the Neville Callaghan-trained runner does not. always look the easiest ride. Zelda Zonk is a consistent seven-furlong specialist who looked particularly well when just pipped at Redcar in a fastrun race a fornight ago.



ON TELEVISION

2.35: If the ground remains good or faster when Celeric runs this term, he is going to take the world of beating in. staying races. Despite being endowed with stamma, the David Morley-trained five year-old possesses the price-less ability to quicker at the end of races and, although this track tends to favour horses who race prominently, the recent Yorkshire Cup winner can follow up.

Kutta is theoretically weighted to reverse York form but appears soft in a finish. Corradini, who beat Celeric at York last term, is a bigger threat along with the progres-



Celeric, left, who narrowly won the Yorkshire Cup earlier this month, reappears at Sandown today

3.05: This is a tricky race for punters with some useful per-formers making their seasonal reappearances, like Abou Zouz and Easycall, taking on older runners with race fitness on their side. Mares often blossom when in foal and Royale Figurine won a decent race at Bath recently with something to spare. She is in the form of her life and will not

be far away. Abou Zouz beat Easycall in the Gimerack Stakes last year and has progressed this spring, but may find it hard to confirm the form with Brian Meehan's sprinter over this trip. In a wide-open race, the progressive Farhana can regain the winning thread after chasing Royal Applause home in a fast-run Duke Of York Stakes.

3.40: Samara finished last here on her only start this term, but is much better than that and it would be no surprise to see the John Dunlop-trained filly bounce back from her favoured draw. Bold Words, drawn along-

side in stall 17, is exceptionally tough and will relish the uphill climb. David Loder is striking form and Hal's Pal is

may find Michael Kinane's mount, Insatiable, a tough rival to overcome. After almost a year off, the Michael Stoute-trained runner ran a cracker behind Centre Stalls at York 12 days ago, and does not need to find much improvement to oblige here.

RICHARD EVANS

SATURDAYS ITSUES Kempton Park

3.08 (60) 1, Chipe (Ri Hughes, 6-4 lev); 2, Smooth Selling (10-1), 3, Another Fentasy (8-1), 7 ren. kil, hd, D Eleworth Toter (22.00; £1.20, £3.60. DF: £11.20, £SF: £15.29

3.35 (Ird) 1, Among Men (R Cochrane, 10-11 fav, Thunderer's nap and New-market Correspondent's nap); 2, Amid Albadu (9-2), 3, Green Card (5-1), 7 ren, Sh hd, 1% I M Stoute, Totar £1 90, £1 40, £2 30 DF: £2.80 CSF; £4.46. 4.05 (2m) 1. Shining Dancer (J F Egan. 6-1); 2, inchealloch (4-1 y-tav); 3, Grand-Cru (11-2). Sas Freedom 4-1 y-tav. 10 ran. 191, 191, S Dow. Tote: \$7.40, \$1.40, \$1.40, \$1.80, DF: \$14.70, This: \$23.20, CSF \$25.96, Tricasi, \$117.75

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4.35 (Im 2) 1, Effectival (Fi Hughes, 11-2
tay, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Quet Arch
(25-1), 3, Br. On The Side (16-1); 4,
Morument (20-1), 16 ran %1, rk. Miss G.
Kefleway, Tote: 24.90; £1.30, £3.20,
£2.40, £2.80 DF, £59.00. This: £496.80.
CSF, £137.38. Tricast £1.861.55. 5.05 (1m) 1. Byzantikum (R Perham, 7-1); 2. Musion (2-1 tan); 3. City Gambler (15-2). 10 ran NR Mishraf, Wamingford: ki, 3Mi Lord Humangdon, Tote £17.00; 53.20, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £11.10. Tho: £90.40 CSF £21.98.

Jackpot: £17,071.30 (0.10 winning tickels; pool £21,639.79 carried forward to Sandown Park today). Placepot £15.90. Quadpot: £6.70/

HICHARD EVANS

Nap: AJAYIB (3.00 Chepstow) Next best: Celeric (2.35 Sandown Park)

Richard Evans landed his slith winning nap in a row when Effectual (11-2) obliged at Kernpton Park on Saturday. The Times Private Handicapper (Gerald Hubbard) top-rated Tomba (4-1) at Haydock Park.

Haydock Park

Going: good to solt, soft in places 2.00 (5) 1. Tedburrow (A Culture, 16-1); 2, Anselman (10-1), 3, Bee Health Boy (10-1), Lord High Admiral 11-4 tav. 10 ram 2, nk. E Alston. Totle: 217-10; 53 90, 52 90, 52 90 DF 557 90 Totle: 58930 (part won, pool of £33931 canted toward to today) CSF: £141 70. Tricast 51,496 92

2.39 (6) 1, Tombe (D McKeown, 4-1, Private Handlespper's top rating), 2, Man Howe (13-8 law), 3, Comemara (14-1) 7 ran, 134, rik B Meehan, Tote: £4 00; £2.40, £1.70 DF £2.50 GSF £9.45. 3.00 (1m 30)of 1, Alexal (S Sanders, 5-2 (av), 2, Future Perfect (5-1); 3, Caver Royale (20-1) 6 ran 2k1, nic W Janks, 7de, 23 10, £1-20, £2.70, DF; £10.00 CSF £12.86 After a stawards' inquiny.

3.30 (1m 2) 120yd) 1, Heritage IJ Carroll, 1-2 lav); 2, Vrennan (6-1), 3, Zibeth (4-1), 5 ran 8l, 13l, J Goeden Tote £1.50, £1.10, £2.40 DF, £2.70, CSF, £4.12 E1.10, E2.40 DF, E2.70, CSF, £4.12
4.00 (7) Shyd) 1, Sweet Contratio (D R
McCabe, 8-1); 2, Gerinhrus (13-8); 3,
Look Who's Caling (14-1), Furnish 11-8
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Loder Toter £10.20 £3.30, £1.40, DF;
£20.80, CSF, £19.69 After a stewards'
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4.30 £6) 1, Sea Magic (D Holland, 2-1);
2, Miss Dangerous (9-4), 3, Larrass (11-8
lay) 3 ran, MR Phantom Bing, 34, 38 B
Hels, Tote £2.50 DF €3:90 CSF, £5.53,
£0.51 Im £6) 1, Excess Sifk (D Hansson

5.05 (Tim 6f) 1, Express Gift (D Harrison 100-30 fev), 2, Swan Hunter (11-1); 3, General Mouston (6-1) 10 ran, Ns, hd. Ms M Reveley Tote: £420, £1.80, £2 70, £2.30 DF £40 40 Trior £197.50, CSF £37 76 Tricast £249 91 Placepot: £468.10. Quadpot: £36.00.

Doncaster 2.20 1, Alimson's Mate (10-1), 2, Octavia-Hall (14-1), 3, Gernane John (12-1), Halmanerror 5-1 (av. 15 ran. 2.50 1, Desart Prince (2-5 lav), 2, Hayd (9-1), 3, Promarm Rate (9-1), 13 ran. 3.20 1, Waypoint (4-1); 2, Pensian Fayre (13-2), 3, Massingo (5-2 lav), 8 ran

5.20 1, Alamode (8-1); 2, Milipet (3-1 li-tev); 3, Magic Fizz (3-1 ji-lav), 8 ran. Lingfield Park 5.10 (, Circ's Plant (9-1); 2. Jack The Lad (10-11 hay: 3, Soden (10-1), 5 ran.

7.10 1, Delt (7-2); 2, Blundel Lane (8-1); 3, Mohawk (6-1). Cettle Pegeant 2-1 txv. 11 ran. 7.40 1, Polly Golightly (11-2); 2, Kilculen Lad (12-1); 3, Pharach's Joy (5-1). Half Tone 11-4 txv. 10 ran. 8.10 1, Timiesa (4-5 fav). 2, Melodica (7-2), 3, Off The Raila (12-1). 8 ren 8.40 1, Smart Boy (2-1 tev); 2. Western Sonata (3-1); 3, Enghanting Eve (12-1) 8

Warwick

8.20 1, Merjeane (14-1); 2, Mr Cube (16-1); 3, Murphy's Gold (14-1); 4, Squared Away (20-1), Babe Au Rhum 9-2 fev. 20 ren. 8.80 1, Compromise (3-1); 2, Super Monarch (5-4 tav); 3, Yabint El Sultan (14-1), 15 ran. 7.50 1. Flaming Ember (2-1 (av); 2. Yorkies Boy (33-1); 3, Greet Lyth Less (16-1), 14 ran. 9.20 1, Double Gold (4-8 tax), 2, Ronguista D'Or (25-1); 3, Chief Predator (100-30), 7 ran. (100-30), 71-31. 8.50 1, North Reef (14-1); 2, Obsrons Boy (25-1); 3, Nosey Native (14-1) Moon Bast 3-1 lav. 12 ran.

Wolverhampton 7.00 1, Napier Star (4-1); 2, Delrob (7-2); 3, River Ensign (14-1), Amoetoa 9-4 fav

11 ran.

7.30-1, Going For Broke (4-7 fav), 2, Madern Lucy (9-1); 3, Royal Roulette (7-2). 5 ran.

8.00 1, Dalitance (Evens tau); 2, Dawarn Altail (11-4), 3, Raise A Prince (8-1). 10 ran. NR. Vrennan.

8.30 1, Glove Forum (7-2), 2, Ground Game (5-2); 3, Hill Ferm Dancer (13-2).

Cartion Venture 7-4 tav. 5 ran. Carron vortuse 7-4 tev. 5 rav 9.00 1. Ellenbrook (Evens tev), 2. Jack-N-Jilly (7-1); 3, Sylvan Cloud (20-1) 6 ran. 9.30 1, Theetine Magio (8-1), 2. Dawelib (11-4 tev); 3, Molly Music (20-1) 12 ran Cartmel

2.10 1, Indian Jockey (11-8 fav); 2, Sarmatlan (20-1), 3, High Low (14-1), 10 Samenate (201), 5. replaces (1.4 feb.); 2. Ali Clear (7-2), 3. Karlovac (25-1), 7 ren. 3.15 1. Sands Of Gold (5-1); 2. Jevandoubleu (4-1), 3. Worteston Farrier (14-1). True Fortune 5-4 fev 14 ren. 3.45 1. Styfish Interval (4-1); 2. Toshiba Talk (7-2), 3. One More Dime (8-1) Amazing Sall 5-2 lav 12 ren. 4.20 1. Stotamethque (5-6 lav); 2. Strongalong (8-1), 3. Steef Gold (50-1) 6 ren. NR Over The Wrekin. 4.50 1. Bold Statament (9-4), 2. Advance East (4-1); 3. Smolensk (5-4 lav), 9 ren. NR: Elitoti The Butter

Hexham

2.15 1. Acejou III (5-2); 2, Muzrak (11-8 tav); 3, Boston Men (3-1) 11 nen 2.45 1, Know-No-No (Evens fav); 2, Astraleon (6-1), 3, Sovereigns Match (4-1) 9 ran. 3.15 1, Nijeray (11-2); 2, Supposin (12-1). 3, Rusty Blade (6-1). Tough Test 9-4 lav 10 ram. 3.45 1, Royal York (5-2 [Hav), 2, Parson's Lodge (5-2 [Hav), 3, Radmore Brandy (4-1), 9 ran 4.15 1, Colorful Ambition (15-8 lav). 2. Highland Way (7-2), 3, Shelton Abbey (7-1) 9 ran.

Cochrane double

RAY COCHRANE, successful on Among Men at Kempton Park on Saturday, earlier produced Mister Jolson with a well-timed run to take the Singapore Handicap. His first ride ended in frustration when Fatal Baraari, the favourite, refused to enter the stalls for the first division of the Californian Maiden Stakes, won by Marie Dora

LEICESTER THUNDERER

2.20 First Dance, 2.55 Arzeni, 3.25 Wakeel, 3.55 Henry's Mother, 4.25 Swift Time, 4.55 May King Mayhem, 5.25 Mr Bergersc,

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.20 LIONESS MAIDEN STAKES. (2-Y-O fillies: £3.444; 5f 216vd) (11 runners)

1		BOBBYOAZZLE J Scargii 6-11 8 Bardwell
2	33	CHENYSALIS 20 P Cole 8-11
3	42	CHENYSALIS 20 P Cole 8-11
4	- 4	PRST DANCE 21 9 Harmon 8-51 9 Perfram 3
5	-	PLOW BY J Dunkso 8-11 M Rigness 1
6		CHORAPANI Mrs N Mecauley 8-11 & Wildow 6
7		KATIE'S CRACKER M Chemon 8-11 R Painty 5
1		LATEN NEXUS P Code 8-11
9	0	MISS MUFFETT 9 P Mooney 8-11 P Regimens (7) 11
ī		MRS MODDLE K Caltantes 8-11
i		MRS MODDLE IC Calapter 6-11 S Drowne 8 SAPPHRE RING R Charlion 8-11 T Sprake 2
1	realls.	5-1 First Osmor, 13-2 Decorbidan Ja, Lalan Nasas, Supphire Ring. 7-
-	A 8.1	Mrs Middle, 10-1 others.
,,,,,,	-J. 6-1	

2.55 ANSTEY SELLING HANDICAP (£3,036: 1m 11 218yd) (19)

2	050-	ARABOYBILL 196 (B,D,F,G) J Newto 6-9-9	5 Diomie 15
3		DANNISTAR 21 (G) P Some 5-9-9	A Bood (7) 2
- 4			Lydch (3) 7
- 3	300-		ள்ளிக் (3) 1
	4030		M Rimmer 6
- 5			M LAINM 6
7	1080	CAPTAIN'S DAY 9 (C,DJ,S) H Collegitigs 5-9-4	
_			(D) 16
8			Durcas (5) 3
	-000	PERSIAN DAWN 10J R Phillips 4-9-1	9 Perfeat 18
10	00-0	SPEEDY SHAPS PRIDE 94 (S) P Cundel 5-9-1	
		Q Fa	Marie (5) 14
11	-000		K Sleed (7) 4
- 43	240	POLAR REFRAM 15 (B) J Notion 4-9-0 ROCK THE BARNEY 161 (CD.F.G) M Usin 8-9-0	
14	240	LEGIC INC. DANIEL IN GOOD IN A SAME OF AS	NicCaba 11
			T Sprake 10
			N Cartisle 9
75		BURNING FLAME 20 (8) R Flower 4-8-11 Nantin (
16.	0-4D	TAUTEN 117J M Usher 7-8-10	Marshell 13
17	13-06	BLUE JUMBO 107 W Masson 4-8-10	_ MiHatsä
18	0-00		
- 19		ARBOREAL 7 Mrs L Shibbs 3-8-8 PR	berts (5) 17
- 10	~		

1 -022 ACTION JACKSON 9 (0,F,6) 8 McMain 5-9-10. 8 Bardwell 12

,	LJ	RUTHMANS HUYALS NURTH SUUTH
HA	LLEN	GE SERIES HANDICAP (£5,481: 1m 8yd) (11)
1		IBLIS 84 (BF,F,S) G Wragg 5-10-0
2	8040	MAMUS 21 (D,F) T Barron 4-9-11 M Hills
3	-003	WAKEEL 8 (D.6.S) S Dow 5-9-6 R Perham
4	6-00	Q FACTOR 9 (D.F.S) D Haydn Jones 5-9-6 6 Faultiner (5)
5	-105	ARTFUL DANE 11 (V.D.F) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-3 S Drowns
ā	1-40	NOBLE DANE 13 (D.S) P Harris 3-8-10 B Bardwell
7	DOOD	CARBURTON 20 (F.S) J Glover 4-8-8 C Ruce
8		THERHEA 9 (D,S) 8 Millman 4-8-7 AFRITTE
ă	-110	SWEET WILHELMINA 8 (D,G) Lord Huntingsion 4-8-3
-		Alonse Cook (5)
10	-05	MASTER M-E-K 15 (V,D,F) N Babbage 5-8-2 T Sprake
ii	1402	REPORTS PRODE 22 (D.F.G) J Ewe 6-7-10 D Wright

5-1 Action Jackson, 6-1 Setney The Kidney, 7-1 Captain's Day, 8-1 Azami, Rock. The Barney, Acquital, 18-1 River Run, 12-1 others

	1	/6-4	IBLIS 84 (BF,F,G) G Wragg 5-10-0 @ Milligan (5)
	2	8040	JAMUS 21 (D.F.) T Barron 4-9-11 M Hills
	3	-003	WAKEEL 8 (D.6.S) S Dow 5-9-6 R Perham
	4	6-00	Q FACTOR 9 (D.F.S) D Haydn Jones 5-9-6 6 Faulitner (5)
	5	-105	ARTPUL DANE 11 (V.D.F) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-3 S Drowne
	ā	1-40	NOBLE DANE 13 (D.S) P Hants 3-8-10 6 Bardwell
	7	DOOD	CARBURTON 20 (F.S) J Glover 4-8-8 C Ructur
			THERHEA 9 (D,S) 8 Millman 4-8-7 Mr Rommer
	ă	-110	SWEET WILHELMANA 8 (D,G) Lord Huntingston 4-8-3
	-		Airmee Cook, (5)
1	ı	-05	MASTER M-E-K 15 (V,D,F) N Bubbage 5-8-2 T Sprake
- 1	Ĭ	1402	BROUGHTON'S PRICE 22 (D.F.G) J Eye 6-7-10 D Wright
			Waked, 13-2 Sweet Withelmma, Broughton's Prote, 8-1 larrais,
F	_	5, 11-2 4-4-4 f	e vragege, 18%, Suiço viville mini, prompiesi s riner, o-i monas, Dene, Masier M-E-N, 10-1 others
7 30-	ш.		ME. Men M. T., M. I Well

CARTMEL

2.00 Simply George, 2.35 Plumbob, 3.10 Bas De Laine, 3.45 Ruber, 4.20 Sheemore, 4.55 Hand Of Straw,

THUNDERER

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

1 1132 BAS DE LAME 10 (V.F.G) M Hammond 11-12-0 C Bonner (3) 2 2250 FIVELGISH BURLDS 37 (D.F.G.S) Mes L Russell 10-11-13 M Brachame (7) 3 202P BLAZING DAWN 17 (C.F.G.S) J Hobbus 10-10-0

2.00 BURLINGTON SLATE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2.402: 2m 1f 110yd) (10 runners) 229. SMEN Y GEORGE 375 (UTIFIE) J White 8-12-0

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- 2	250P	HACKETTS CROSS 154 (O.F.G) P Eccles 9-11-7 LIR Got
3	4646	MEVER 50 BLUE 5 (BLF) P Bradley 6-11-2 R Williamson
4	0/56	BATTERY PIRED 58 N Mason 8-10-10 U Galage
- 5	0000	IN A MOMENT 16 (B.S) C Grant 6-10-4
ă	50P	APACHE LEN 30 (V) M Hammond 4-10-3 N Horrocks (
ž	0-06	FANADIYR 18F J Goldle 5-10-2
8	SP/P	PHARGOLD 21 (D.F) J A Hamis 8-10-1 Vision K Johns
Ä	PPRF	BERTHPLACE 23 (S) R Tate 7-10-0
10	no.F	BELIEVE IT 52 N Waggott 8-10-0 F Per
-2 Se	nah Se	arge 5-1 Hadielts Cross, Ballery Fired, 6-1 Mener So Blue, 7-1 to the Len, Fanadiy, 12-1 others.

2.35 VICTORIA TRADING (FRUIT IMPORTERS)

Ľ	MOAI	DES GUMBE (LZ,034. Zin at Truju) (v)
234567	2621 2435 2900 2-63 POPP PUA	MARLIMSFORD 58 (G.S.) Mrs J. Jordan 10-11-6. L. McCarath PLIMBOR 5 (D.G.S.) L Lungo B-11-6

6-4 Plumbob, 9-2 84 Ol A Dream, 11-2 Martingford, 13-2 Royal Banker, Natical, Two For One, 16-1 Parsian Grange, 33-1 Canister Gastle.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANERS: L Longo, 3 moners from 9 notices, 33.3%; J White, 10 mon 31, 32.3%, G Richards, 13 from 44, 29.5%, D Moffatt, 6 from 25, 24%, M Harvmond, 4 from 30, 13.3%. Body spatifiers
JOCKEYS: R Guest, 5 moners from 14 fides, 35.7%, D J Moffatt, 6 from 28, 21 4%; B Storey, 5 from 36, 13.9%, W Worthington, 5 from 48, 10.4%.

3.55 MARKET BOSWORTH MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,637: 1m 6yd) (10)

1	34	FARLEY MOUNT 52 Lord Humanador, 9-0 Across Cook (5)
2	00	FLYING ESPRIT 14 G Marcuscon 9-0 T E Durican (5) &
3		LAKOTA BRAVE C Allen 9-0 . Marte Dwyer (3) 8
4	-233	MR PARADISE 7 T Hausting 9-0
5	4-0	DCCAM 48 G Wrapp 9-0 M Hills 5
6		STRELLG 20 N Backage 9-0
7	3	HENRY'S MOTHER 21 M Charron 8-9 R Perham 4
8	_	POT OF TEA A Sheeter 8-9 J Branthill (5) 9
9	06	TOP JEM 27 M Ryen 8-9
lā		TWIN TIME 7 M Heaton-Elic 3-9 S Drowne 10
He		latter, 7-2 Occam, 5-1 Tern Time, 11-2 Mr Paradise, 8-1 others

LU	LOUGHBORDUGH CLAIMI	NG STAKES
	2,553; 5l 2yd) (9)	
05 05	LASHAM 34 (DJF) N Catagran 8-13 . SLAN IN THE ANCHONING 31 B Marcan	S Draws
	DOCKLANDS DISPATCH 9 N Timber 1 SANDY SHORE 56 J Whaton 8-8	
	MISS FOLIAL 16 M Pipe 8-4 DERO FACH B Paling 8-7	Merce Duyer (3
	PLEURI-DE-LYS 20 W Mosson 8-0 .	
002	SWIFT TOME 20 M R Bookey 7-12	C Rudia
n in Th	e Morang, 7-2 Lastam, 6-1 Fisur-De-L	ys samulinde 7-1 other

4.55 TIGERS APPRENTICES HANDICAP

£2,6	42: 1	m 3l 183yd) (16)
1	0030	JUMP THE LIGHTS 14 (D,9) 5 Woods 4-9-11 C Watth (3) 1
á	800	LEATHERNECK 16 P Mooney 4-9-10 . P Rizzimons (5)
3		SPRING CAMPAIGN 9 M Proc 4-9-3 A Eddery 7
- 4		HORRIAX LAD 11 (B.D.F.G) M Mazon 9-9-8 6 Millioso
5		
6	343/	SCHNOZZLE 16J k Bridgester 6-9-4 T Siddall (5)
7	4-21	DAUFFUN 21 (D.F.G) W Musson 4-9-2 _ P Bradley (5)
8	DB64	PERSIAN SURSET 9 Mes J Bower !- 8-11 B Harres (5)
8	5355	NAWAJI 12 W Mur 4-8-10 J Williamson (3) 1
10		PROVE THE POINT 44 Mrs. P Deficial 4-8-8 Airgee Cook
11	60-0	SPIRAL FLYER 3 M Usher 4-8-4
12	430-	HAYDOWN 12J M R Bosley 5-8-4 J Bosley (7) 1
13	0-00	
14	4/30	EVAPORATE 14 M Heaton-Ellis 5-7-11 J Fowle (5)
15	0060	MAY KING MAYHEM 10 Mrs A King 4-7-10 R Winston (5) 1
16	00-0	TOCCO JEWEL 9 (C.S) M Ryan 7-7-10 . D Memogh (5) 1
14 8	intae 1	1-1 Daughin, 10-1 Jump The Lights, Spring Campaign, Namai, Mi
		14-1 Leathermerik, Homer Land Schroszle, 16-1 others
		14.1 Crahestered Locator Care Transfer 18.1 April 2

5.25 GROBY HANDICAP (£3,665: 5! 218yd) (10)

Mode MAGGILLYCOUDY Z'19 (U,KLS) WTS P QUIDANT 8-8-8 Mode FAITH ALORE 181 (D.F.S) C Wall 4-8-5 M Cariste 4 DO-0 BELDRAY PARK 31 (D.F.S) to A kmg 4-7-12. A 6-arth 3 4045 PETRACO 17 (D.F.S.5) N 6-7-12 J Bramma 65 9 O-090 ED'S FOLLY 9 S Dow 4-7-10 A Daty (S) 1

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANERS: J Dealop, 24 winers from 122 numers, 19 7%, M Pipe, 4 from 22, 18 2%, R Hanners, 28 from 164 17 1%, 6 Wragg, 6 from 36, 16 7%, R Charlion, 4 from 26 15 4%, M Ryan, 13 from 92 14.1%. JOCKEYS: F Lynch, 6 winners born 45 rides, 13.3%, A Garth, 3 from 23, 13.0%, C Ruter 8 born 67, 11.9%, T Speake, 9 from 90, 10.0%, Only qualifier:

3.10 BURLINGTON SLATE HANDICAP CHASE

4 PP35 HURRICANE ANDREW 26 (F.G.S) J.A. Moore 9-10-0
M.H. MAURING SE 5 PFOR RUACK SPUR 16P & C.S. J Tomer 15-10-8. ... W Bernell (?) 6 UPP1 SARONA SMITH 9P (F,G) F Virtion 10-10-0. J Watton

5-4 Bas De Laine, 2-1 Finnleigh Borkis, 11-2 Blazog Dawn, Humicane Andrew 14-1 Sarona Smath, 33-1 Black Spor 3.45 STANLEY LEISURE HANDICAP HURDLE

1 31-6 SYMCRAK CYRANO 16F (S) N Chamberlain 8-11-10

A 20 CONTRACTOR HOUSE HAVE THE MONTON			
9-4 Valiani Dezh, 21-4 Five Flags, 4-1 Gymarak Cyrano, Ruber, 8-1 others			
5 1200 RUBER 12 (F.G.S) R Thomson 10-10-12			
3 O/P6 PRIME DISPLAY 27 (6.5) A H Hervey 11-11-4 R Suppl 4 1F54 VALIANT DASH 33 IC.F.G.SI J Goldie 11-11-1 S Taylor (5			
3 OPE PRIME DISPLAY 27 (6.5) & H Henry 11-11-4 R Suggi			
2 245P PINE PLACS 16 (F.G.S) Mrs 5 Smith 9-11-6 R Gue			

4.20 CROWTHER HOMES JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,654: 2m 11 110yd) (7)

6 7	5060 4365 6062	SHEEMANNE 72 M PERMINENT LOS LANGUAGES AND THER DULARTER 2 M Chapters 10-7	
4	2 5000	SHEEMORE 12 M Hawmond 10-12 Mr C Bonner (3) ANOTHER QUARTER 2 M Chapters 10-7 K Johnson	
2	æ	GO WHIM THE WIND 25 J Golde 10-12	

4.55 SWAN HOTEL AT NEWBY BRIDGE MAIDEN HURDLE (52,448. 2m 6f) (8)

1	0 -0 P	BARROE STEP 180 J Whate 5-11-5 J Castagna
2	P/0	DRAMATIC PASS 2 M Chapman 8-11-5 W Worthingto
3	532P	GROSVENOR 21 (B.BF) & Richards 6-11-5 P Carbon
4	5320	HAND OF STRAW 2 Miss Z Green 5-11-5 K Johnso
		MOBILE MORMAN 401P Mrs A Sembank 6-11-5 Mr J Davies (7
		MOSAM 128 N Mason 7-11-5 R Guer
7	9000	DE-VEERS CURRE 32 D Mottest \$-11-0 D J Mottes
		RENO'S TREASURE 14 J & Hams 4-10-8 R Suppl
6-5 Ga	NO STATE	6-4 Hand Ol Street, 12-1 Nosam, 16-1 Barne Stu. Hotele Normer
HENO'S	1000	e 25-1 ottes

with Longchamp success

FROM OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

Sasuru continues progress

over the weekend went against British-trained runners, but the raiders enjoyed better fortune at Lonechamo when dominating the finish of the Prix d'Ispahan. Sasuru, trained in Newmarket by Geoff Wragg, continued his relentless progress by landing a short-neck victory over the Roger Charlton-trained Wixim in a thrilling finish to

the group one event Brought with a late run by Michael Hills, Sasuru took until the last stride to reach the front and clearly found the nine-furlong trip a minimum. He will go to Royal Ascot for either the Prince Of Wales's Stakes over 14 miles or the Hardwicke Stakes, over two furlongs farther. His ultimate

target this year is the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe Longchamp on October 5.

Sasuru had to survive a stewards' inquiry, though the consensus was that the runner-up, ridden by Thierry Jamet, had done the greater damage. Hills commented: "I think we might have got the race anyway if the photograph had gone against us." Wragg considers that Sasuru's style of running sug-gests he would now he ready for a step up in distance. "I

really think he will get 15 miles," he said. There was no improvement in the fortunes of the struggling Godolphin operation as Tamayaz, the Dubai Duty Free winner, lost his lead two

furlongs from home and

weakened to finish last of the Another runner bound for Royal Ascot is the Germantrained Camp David After

winning Saturday's group three Oleander Rennen over two miles at Baden-Baden, his trainer, Andreas Wohler, nominated the Gold Cup as a possible target. The Mick Ryan-trained Sweetness Herself, ridden by Mark Baird, and Lord Huntingdon's Lord Jim (Kevin Woodburn) filled the places.

Other successful British trainers abroad yesterday were Luca Cumani and Mich ael Jarvis, who had winners in Italy, Jarvis's Polar Prince struck in a listed race in Rome, while Cumani's Barba

FONTWELL PARK

2.00 Major Dundee. 2 30 Rustic Gent. 3.00 Trust Deed, 3.30 The Flying Doctor. 4.00 Colonial Kelly. 4.30 Jovie King.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

Carl Evans: 4.00 Colonial Kelly.

2.00 SOUTH COAST RADIO_JUVENILE NOVICES

HURDLE (£2,262 2m 2l 110yd) (5)
1 32-01 NOBEL 10-70 10f (F.S) R Bucker 12-2. B Powel 2 6211 MAJOR DUEDEE 41 (Y.CD.F) M Pine 11-10 C Maude 2 5123 FRMA SOLEU, 21 (F) D Snewpost 11-4 J A McCarthy 4 648 DUESH DOLLY 197 Mullers 10-7 S Curran 5 P 6RAYCO CHOCKE 4099 P Custos 10-7 B Person
11-3 Major Crimber, 15-5 Noble Lord, 7-2 Anna Soliet, 8-1 Dubel Dolly, 50-1 P Signop Chara

2.30 FONTWELL SELLING HANDICAP CHASE

	(£2.366, 2m 2l) (14)
	: 1P.P PEACE OFFICER 82 (F.O.S.) A Banow 11-12-0 Mr O MoPtol (7
ı	2 4F30 SHIKAREE 207 (B.F) M Proc 6-11-6
ı	3 SUN1 EVERNIG RAIN 16 (F.G.S) R Hosge: 11-11-5 T Dascomb
	4 4200 [LEVOY 13 (CD.F.G.S) P Rochers 10-11-1 M Aher
ı	5 U20P GOLDEN DPAL 16 (G.S) P Buckler 12-10-7 B Power
ł	6 DADO DAYS OF THURDER 19 (F.G) Mrs 5 Odell 9-10-7 TJ Murph
ı	7 365F 5000NG MATCH 16 (F.G.S) J Bradley 10-10-4 B Femo
	8 0622 CARDENDEN 16 (F,S) J Barckey 9-10-2 W McFarlan
1	9 0155 RUSTIC GENT 26 (F,S) D Buichell 9-10-0 . D J Burche
Į	10 5434 MOVAN TEMPLE 23 K Beston 6-10-0 6 Supple (\$
į	11 440P FLOWING RIVER 16 (B.F.G.) H Marchell 11-10-0 . A Basics (S
1	12 0295 SIDE BAR 2F (V.CD.G) P Monney 7-10-0 8 Curra
ı	13 254P UPWARD SURGE 27 (F) R Ledger 7-10-0 Mrs. N Ledge
ļ	14 5363 GABISH 21 (F.G.) B Scheen 12-10-0
ı	
ı	11-4 Evencing Faurs, 3-1 Stakemet 13-2 Cardenders, 10-1 Golden Opai, Boson
ı	Match, succen Temple, 14-1 Rustic Geof, 16-1 others

3.00

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2,9	944: 3	m 2t 110yd) (8)	
1	1511		TJ Murp SF
:	3PT3	FROZEN DROP 20 (CD,F,G) F Ritchard, 10-11-8	
3	142P	DRU(ACULLEN 20 (BF.F.G) K Burley B-11-B .	W McTeria
4	5622	BANKTOWN BILL 19 (V.F.G.S) M Pros 8-11-5	C Mau
5	5034	KARAR 13 (C.D.F.G.S) R Rose 7-11-3	. DOSMEY
6	331P	TRUST DEED 16 (B.F.G) S kraght 9-10-6	T Dagcom
7		FATHER DOWLING 312 (V.CD.G) 6 8alding 10-	10-3 B Ferti
8	4335	MASTER COMEDY 21 (B.CD.F.S) Miss I. Bower	13-10-0

2-1 Red Branch 9-2 Barrdgren Bill 6-1 Drumcutten, Karar, 7-1 Frezen Drop, 6-1 Trust Deed Father Dombing, 16-1 Master Comedy

JU	STREBEL BOILERS AND RADIATORS
(DICA	P HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,049; 2m 61 110yd) (8)
	BRINDLEY HOUSE 12 (D.F.S) R Curis 10-12-0 J Parkhouse (7)
5011	THE FLYING DOCTOR 14 (6.5) 6 Baiding 7-11-11 W McFarland
3423	STAR PERFORMER 4 (G) A Hobbs: 6-11-11 Mr G Shenton (7)
	APACHE PARK 13 (BF.5) D Burchell 4-10-10 . D J Burchell
	ZINGIBAR 18 (F.S) J Bradley 5-10-9 B Fenitor
	CAMBO 14 IF 8 St M Bank: 11-10-8 D Skyrmi
	THE GREY TEXAN 21 R Rome 8-10-0
	WICKLOW BOY 3F R Ingram 6-10-0 T J Marphy
	3P21 5011 3423 4562 5434 4733 0003

3-1 The Flying Doctor, 4-1 Brindley House 9-2 Sair Performer, Cambo, 11-2 Against Park, 7-1 Zingster, 16-1 The Gury Texan, 33-1 Wicklow Boy

4.	DO.	FONTWELL PARK HUNTERS CHASE
		£1,203: 3m 2f 110yd) (11)
1	P3P1	COLONAL KELLY 65 (F.G.S.) Mrs D Gresnil 9-12-7 C Vigors (5) TRIFAST LAD 12 (F.G.S.) M J Roberts 12-12-7 P Hacking (3)
2	1612	TREAST LAD 12 (F.S.S) M J Robots 12-12-7 P Hacking (3)
3	3004	FORDSTOWN 32 (6.5) J Alexander 8-12-0. J Alexander (7)
4	P11F	HEATHVIEW 43P (F.G.S) P Diaminos 10-12-U., M Portiron (7)
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Gascoigne limping into England twilight zone

South Africa

A SHADOW trailed Paul Gascoigne around Old Trafford on Saturday night. lengthening as the sun began to sink slowly behind the Stretford End. Late nights have long been his speciality. but, suddenly, his career is shimmying into its own early

By the time that the game had crept into stoppage time. the shadow around the leaner. litter Gascoigne had grown thin and angular. He had started to flag by then, caught more and more in possession by the lithe spirits of the South Africa team, Understandably, after his recent diet of injury and undernanding testimonials, his lack of match fitness was beginning to tell.

Then, a player that the South Africans call their lucky charm, whose first name is Innocent and whose nom de guerre is Linda, clattered into Gascoigne near the half-way line and left him prone. A few seconds before the final whistle, Gascoigne was taken from the field on a stretcher and Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, pounded his fist on a

wooden ledge in frustration. Gascoigne had not played particularly well in the game that was designed as a warmup for England's vital World Cup qualifying match against Poland next Saturday. His contribution had been fitful, if telling, his stamina lacking, his penetration poor: but, until that tackle. Gascoigne had done enough to ensure that he would be the fulcrum of the

He had hit the post with a curling free kick that Arendse managed to touch on to the woodwork and had flighted in another dead ball that Scholes flicked on for Wright to control, perhaps with his hand, turn and dispatch for England's 75th-minute winner. Now, though, the week ahead is likely to be dominated by agonised guessing over whether Gascoigne will be fit to

play in Poland. Such is the polarisation of views about him that some said England should treat his calf injury as a blessing in were doomed not to qualify for the World Cup if he did not recover in time.

"A blessing in disguise?"
Hoddle said, raising his eyebrows. That could not be further from the truth. He needed to have 90 minutes under his belt to have any chance of playing in Poland. He needed to put in a good performance and have the right approach to it.
I told him I did not need

anything spectacular. I needed

that. He was looking stronger and stronger as the game went on and the way he played was

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"I was annoyed with the tackle that put him out. It was diabolical and, for a few minutes, I was worried there was something else there, that it was his ligaments or something worse. It was a relief when they said it was his calf, but it is still too early to know whether he will be fit."

Given his lack of match fitness and the fact that his training this week will, at best, be severely restricted, the odds are stacked heavily against Gascoigne. Hoddle's consolation is that Robert Lee. who may take his place, played well again and scored the opener after 20 minutes.

Shearer, as predicted, was not risked, but will return in Katowice, and the sparkling performances of Phil Neville, at right wing back, and Ian Wright, in attack, have given Hoddle happier selection problems. Scholes, too, is quite patently a player for the future, but Martyn's hesitancy, which led to Masinga's goal a minute before half-time.

valuable Seaman is to his post-match inquest. The

though, was rounded off by discussion of the repercussions of the other injury that marred the game. Hoddle's relations with Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, already strained by the withdrawals of Steve McManaman and Robbie Fowler, will not have been improved by the sight of Jamie Redknapp being carried off with a broken ankle that will immobilise him for five weeks.

For Hoddle, though, the disappointment was acute. He had earmarked Redknapp as the one member of the England squad who might be capable of replicating the sweeper role executed so brilliantly by Matthias Sammer for Germany, and had intended to play him there throughout the Tournoi de France next

"Jamie is the sort of player who could get his head up and hit the 60-yard pass just as well as the 20-yarder," Hoddle said. "It would be defensively that there would be a risk." Redknapp will be in no state to he a risk until next season. That category, once again, is likely to be filled by



Wright, the England striker, acclaims his late and controversial winner against South Africa at Old Trafford

Wright does his worst for Totten

Gascoigne is carried off after sustaining a calf injury

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

AT FULL time, Paul Wright, the scorer of the Tennents Scottish Cup final's only goal, had two urgent duties to perform. First, he emptied a bottle of orange juice over the head of Bobby Williamson, his manager, and then he poured out consolation to Alex Totten, whose Falkirk side had just been beaten.

This was far more than routine

In sport, ingratitude can be an obligation. Wright owes a great deal to Totten, but had repaid him with disappointment. Not even the high tide of joy could sweep away Wright's recognition of that fact. I've been at a few clubs, scored a few goals and fallen out with a few managers," Wright said, "but the worst thing I have done to any manager is what I have done to

Alex Totten today." The manager has twice signed the striker, once for St Johnstone and once for Kilmarnock. Until his sacking in December. Totten was in charge at Rugby Park and the post was then inherited by the man to whom he had given his first

Totten's faith in Wright was the source of his own team's ruin at Ibrox on Saturday. On several occasions, Wright's career has been close to dwindling away and it was this manager, each time, who restored it to its correct proportions. Wright is gifted, but misjudged transfers and injury have at times seen him lapse into the role of

In the spring of 1995, he was not even deemed worthy of the first team at St Johnstone, in the Bell's Scottish League first division. They were keen to move me on and my confidence was low." Wright said. "I was playing in the Reserve League East at places like Arbroath and East Fife on Monday nights. Alex Totten was the only

person who wanted me." Kilmarnock bought him in March of that year, for £330,000, a club record. Wright's variety of gifts ought to have made him more valuable still, but little artifice was required for his goal in the final.

Alex Burke's corner, after 20 minutes, was inadvertently headed on by Scott McKenzie, of Falkirk, and Wright, at the back post, had moved stealthily moved away from

forced a slightly mis-hit shot into the corner of the net. The moment lacked majesty, but Wright understands its consequences.

"I'll never have to buy another drink in Kilmarnock for the rest of my life," he said. The club had not won the Scottish Cup since 1929 and, this season, have been busy evading relegation. Nonetheless, supporters will be in no hurry to relive the details of this match.



Wright, the Kilmarnock scorer, celebrates his side's victory

was precious, became obsessively devoted to its defence.

They were the more accomplished team, but, in the second half, yielded territory to their eager if unsophisticated opponents from the first division. Falkirk were driven on by the magnificent Gray and appeared to have equalised in the 85th minute when one of his throw-ins was knocked down to Neil Oliver, who volleyed home from a marginally offside position.

Relief may have stoked Kilmarnock's jubilation, but this final, lacking an Old Firm representative, had always been a happy occasion. With a quirky passion the triumphant supporters belted out the Marie Osmond song that is their inexplicable favourite. "When you meet a six-foot skinhead singing Paper Roses, you just have to accept it." Williamson said.

It was hardly the moment for questions, in any case, not when 68 years' worth of Kilmarnock prayers had just been answered.

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Souness and McMenemy leave The Dell in disgust

WHEN the money men collide issued by his solicitor. He had including a club record £1.3 million with the football men, an increasing feature of life in the FA Carling Premiership, the result can prove ugly. The accountants want to ty-veiled yet accusing finger at the new regime at The Dell, which tread carefully, balance the books and satisfy their shareholders; the managers want to buy players, strengthen teams and appease their supporters. It is a marriage that, at best, is fractious, at worst,

impossible. Divorce is frequent.
Thus, Graeme Souness parted company with Southampton on Saturday, his three-year contract as manager concluded after only ten months. He was closely followed by Lawrie McMenemy, the club's director of football, who also resigned. Having narrowly survived relegation from the Premiership only a fortnight earlier. Southampton had lost their guiding lights at a

"I came to the club with high hopes and expectations for the future, but it is now clear to me that I am not able to take the club forward in the way I would have liked," Souness said, in a statement

spent the weekend in Israel, attending the bar mitzvah of his stepson, McMenemy also pointed a thin-

effectively took over four months ago when the club was floated, after a "reverse" takeover, on the stock market. "Having been instrumental in bringing Graeme here and sharing his hopes and ambitions, I now share his frustrations," McMenemy, who had a 25-year association with the club, said.

Such frustrations appear directed mostly at Rupert Lowe, 39, the chairman-elect of Southampton. Though he does not replace Guy Askham until June I and has little experience in football-related matters, he has become an influential figure in the club's policy and finance decisions since Secure Retirement, a property firm, assumed control at The Dell.

Sources, 44, bought and sold shrewdly last season. Although he spent; £4.5 million on players,

on Ulrich van Gobbel, the Holland defender, he recouped much of his outlay by offloading surplus

Yet, when he and McMenemy met with Lowe last Tuesday to ask for a more realistic budget for summer recruitment, he was disappointed by the response. It is believed that, when he told Lowe that he was near to completing negotiations for an Italian player, for a "bargain" E3 million, he was told that the fee was too much. Four days later, Souness resigned.

Although the Southampton Independent Supporters' Association has started a campaign for Souness's return, it is unlikely to happen. Soumess is a proud man, rarely given to retracting his opinions or going back on his decisions. He is already being courted by Massimo Vidulich, the chairman of Torino, the former Serie A club now languishing in Serie B. In the land of the lira, perhaps Souness will be given the financial muscle

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 Luso notched his second consecutive victory in the group two Premio Ellington at the Capannelle, Rome, on Saturday, Ridden by Brett Doyle, the Clive Brittain-trained five-year-old made all to justify odds of 2-1 on.

Butler John seizes chance to draw level

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

her box on Saturday and Butler John drew level in the race for the Grand Marnier Award with a men's open win at the East Dulverton.

The eight-year-old recorded his eighth victory of the sea-son, under Neil Harris, when finishing alone in a match for the men's open, his solitary rival. Champagne Run, hav-ing been pulled up. It seemed a classic case of a good horse frightening off the opposition because the smallest fields otherwise were nine in the hunt and intermediate races. Butler John is not averse to a

blunder and he ploughed through the open ditch but Harris's limpet-like abilities, and Darmall's constant schooling of the horse, have made him a formidable performer over point-to-point

He ate up on Saturday night and turns out again today at the South Tetcott meeting, where Grinnley Gale could also be in action. Trainer Mark Jackson was still debating plans yesterday and his star performer has a more likely engagement at the Albrighton Woodland, where she could face Touch 'N' Pass, who was surprisingly beaten

at the Tredegar Farmers on

GRIMLEY GALE stayed in sized Touch 'N' Pass finished second to Celtic Daughter, a welcome winner for trainer

championship.

Bert Lavis, whose horses have been badly affected by a virus this season. Alkarine gave Julian Pritch-ard his 35th success of the season at this fixture, a victory that took him five clear of Tim Mitchell - in the men's

TODAY'S MEETINGS: South Tencott at Litton, 3m E of Launceston (Brst race 2,00); Albrighton Woodland, Chaddesley Corbett, 8m W of Bromsgrove (2,00)

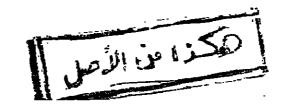
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Kendall in



Simon Barnes witnesses a Wembley occasion of brilliance, beauty and banality

Journeymen savour their day in the sun

forball match of the season, and for that reason one of the most beautiful. It was dire, too, of course, an absolutely awful match, but to tive of self-belief. inderstand it as such is to miss the

nous were so close as to be indistinguishable.

Northampton Town played Swansea City in the annual festival of melodramatic injustice called the play-offs. This was the play-off for a place in the Nationwide League econd division. Northampton ludicrously, beautifully — won 1-0. No more for them the heart-

wearying trudge to Hartlepool Uni-ted, Torquay United and Barnet, No, they take their deserved place a division higher, among the glamour boys — Plymouth Aryle, Preston Nostit End, Wycombe Wanderers. What more could any heart desire? Northampton, who like most



Frain: a name to remember

other chubs at such a level, have firted with extinction, came to Vembley for the first time in their istory with thousands upon thouands of supporters: loyal supporters for at least a day, supporters hey never knew they had. They utnumbered and outyelled the wansea followers, but their team was outplayed for most of the match. Jan Molby was the key to that. Molby, the Swansea player-manager, never svelte even in his palmiest days with Liverpool, is now a colossus of the third division.

Everything about the man is clumsy save his feet, everything about him slow save his footballing brain. It really should have been his day. Wembley, a place of agoraphobic spaces for most third division players, is made for passers like Molby. As, indeed, are third divi-

If IS always the most poignant much," Molby mourned after wards. Which is nonsense the trouble is that dominating games without actually scoring is destruc-

There is normally a certain zing point by a mile. It was a match in about the play-offs: As a rule, the which the beautiful and the ludi-higher stakes for which a game is higher stakes for which a game is played, the more dire the spectacle look at World Cup finals — but this rule does not operate for playoffs. Having missed promotion by the usual means of solid, consistent effort, teams are given a second bite. culminating in a winner-takes-all occasion. There tends to be a joyous embracing of the sacred second

> This game, though, was not a bit like that. It was rather like a bad third division match. No doubt both managers told their players not to be overawed by the big occasion — "Just go out and play your normal game." Alas, they all did

By the time that 90 minutes had been played, every neutral in the stadium — fortunately, there were not many - felt with anguish the dreadful inevitability of extra time. How much more of this ghastliness could be tolerated? Which made the conclusion that much more beautiful, that much more ludicrous.

nto stoppage time, there was a free kick on the edge of the Swansea box. It was taken by a cannoned into the wall, as you knew it would, a perfectly rotten free kick, in keeping with a perfectly rotten match, but Terry Heilbron, the referee decided that there had been encroachment; well, there always is. Whimsically, Heilbron decided that, for once, the law would be enforced. He booked Coates, the encroacher, and Frain had another go.

It was like finding a fragment of a noble poem in the middle of a report of the allotments sub-committee meeting of Merton Borough Council (documents of this sort were once my daily reading matter). The sheer unexpectedness added to the beauty, the ludicrousness, the perfection of the moment.

There is not a player in the FA Carling Premiership who would not have been delighted with the kick-Juninho, Zola, Beckham, name who you like. It had power and dip and late swerve ... and accuracy. There is not a goalkeeper in the land who would have been ashamed of being beaten by it. Even Schmeichel would have found it hard to find someone to blame.

Who is he, then, this fiendish Frain, this dead-ball magician? A young and rare and rising talent, to be plucked from the bowels of obscurity to a stage more suited to You can dominate games too his extravagant gifts? Remember



Ampadu, left, the Swansea City midfield player, makes a full-blooded challenge on Frain, the scorer of Northampton Town's winning goal

the name: you will probably never hear it again.

John Frain, aged 28. Came to Northampton on loan from Birmingham City. Signed for them fulltime late this season. He was more than ten years with Birmingham and made more than 300 appearances for them. He has, in short, aiready reached his peak

declining therefrom. Yet he has kept the faith, you see,

that is the point. You wonder why. since the difference between have and have-not is so uncrossably wide these days, with Premiership football and Premiership television and pouting Premiership girls threatening to remove their Premiership replica shirts on posters seiling Premiership lager. Just why does a journeyman footballer

journeying?

Claridge's excellent Tales From the Boot Camps. Claridge, who scored a memorable goal in the play-off final against Crystal Palace to secure Leicester City's place in the Premiership last season, tells of the ridiculous and impecunious life that he had lead with lowly clubs.

"At that level, you are not in it for the money," Claridge writes. "Most of us were in love with the idea of The answer comes in Steve being a professional footballer. You

live for your shot at glory, that one Cup result that lifts your name out of the small print." Frain has waited ten years and more for exactly that. Let us wish him joy of it.

SWANSEA CITY (3-1-3-3) R Freedone -Panney, N. Ampadu, J. Costes. — S. Torpey, C. Heggs, D. Thomas (sub. L. Brown, 83) Referee: T. Heilbron

no doubt about price of Wembley failure BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

HOWARD KENDALL, the Sheffield United manager, knows exactly what the price of failure will mean in the Nationwide League first division play-off final today and realises that he may never get

as close again.

Kendall's side will be looking to break the hearts of Crystal Palace for a second successive year after their defeat by Leicester City 12 months ago.

For Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager. Steve Claridge's late goal meant everything — the difference between the promised land of the FA Carling Premiership and the almost barren wilderness of the first division,

To the victor the spoils has never been more truly defined than at Wembley on a late May Bank Holiday afternoon as Premiership status, and the financial rewards that go with it, are incomparable.

Kendall has suffered the slings and arrows of footballing fortune during his managerial career, from un-bridled success with Everton to the ignominy of his dismissal by Notts County two years ago after just 79 days amid

Sheffield United needed someone with experience after Dave Bassett left in 1995 and Kendall fitted the bill. The club took a chance and it has been one that has paid off

Gascoigne's woe

handsomely. After keeping them out of the second division last season, Kendall, and United, are now one game away from the top flight - a feat that he believes would equal anything that he has so far achieved.

Kendall, who led Everton to the League, FA Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup, said: "Reaching the Premiership would compare highly. I would put it up near the top of my career. It's what we've got to look forward to that shows how important it is.

"The first division will become increasingly more difficult to get out of because the teams who are relegated will have become stronger due to the finances they have had while they have been in the Premiership.

"All you hear about from chairman whose sides are near the bottom in the Premiership is 'We can't afford to go down, we mustn't go down', but three go down every year and some of these chairman have spent fortunes to try to keep them there."

It all means that the implications of defeat are unthinkable. "It's down to the day." Kendall said. "Anything can happen. We were one of the favourites at the start of the season to go up automatically and we didn't do that. Now. we are in the play-off final and it's a lottery."

Kendall can only hope that his number comes up and that next season his side will be sharing in the Premiership's

Play-off success fuels Gradi's fears of change at Crewe

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By Brian Glanville

IN THE last minute of an almost emparrassingly one-sided Nationwile League second division play-offinal at Wembley yesterday, Dele Adebola; Crewe Alexandra's big striker, got away alone, a second time. On the previous occasion, some 20 minutes earlier, forgotten of a distracted Brentford defence. had run on to Westwood's quickly taken free kick and hit the

Now, from the left, having rounded the goalkeeper, he unselfishly folled the ball across goal to the inmarked Colin Little. To score eemed a formality, but Little's shotvas weak and Hutchings, for the clearing off the line. He had done so previously when Little had been perfectly set up by Whalley.

So the score remained at a parodic 1-0. After a slightly nervous start, during which they committed a few errors in defence, Crewe settled down to play so well, to show such flair, technique and movement, that you wondered why they had had to resort to the play-offs at

The question now is can they

afford to keep this excellent young team together? Over the years, Dario Gradi, that accomplished manager-coach, has produced a steady stream of talent to be poached, in time, by richer clubs. Danny Murphy, 20, and Gareth Whalley, 23, such confident, accomplished, unhurried midfield players. are bound now to be hunted by the

though he did say that, so far, he had not had "any multimillionpound offers for anybody, and we're not answering the phone tomor-

That coaching, really good coaching, can pay was emphatically shown by this clever Crewe team. Murphy, who, with his groin injury, had been in doubt until some 40 minutes before kick-off, said that he had joined Crewe "when I was 14, and I wish I could have gone even earlier than that. There are some young lads at the club who've got tricks and skills I can't do at the age

Shaun Smith, the left back who so powerfully struck the Crewe goal, said: "We do a lot of things that a lot of people think are beneath them. We work hard on our techniques." Smith's decisive goal came after 35 exploiting a back-heel from Whalley, had broken through to hit the right-hand post. Murphy returned an overhit left-wing corner from the right, Macauley headed it back and Smith drove the ball home.

Two minutes later, from a corner by Rivers, Macauley headed against the bar. Crewe were dominant and even David Webb, the Brentford manager, admitted that they could well have scored several more goals. "Our game went backwards," Webb said, "and their game went

forwards, and that was the difference between the two sides. They looked much better equipped than us today to go up to be a first division team.

To be cruel, if truthful, Brentford looked clumsy by comparison. The only shot of any consequence that they had came from the always

when he struck a loose ball to which Kearton got down a little late. Any lingering hope that Brentford had of saving the game virtually disappeared a minute after Adebola

had struck the bar. Statham, getting a second vellow card for a reckless tackle on Garvey, was sent off.
"If they get a chance to go," Gradi
said of his gifted young players,
well, good luck to them. If you ask me what are my players worth, then I think it's much more money then I

you might call Crewe's a bittersweet BRENTFORD (4-4-2), K Dearden — G Hurole (sub B Ashtoy, 74min), C Hutchangs, J Bates, I Anderson — M Bent (sub S Canham, 46), B Satham, P Smith, C Asaba — D McChee, R Taylor CREWE ALEXANDRA (4-3-3; J Keenton — L Linscorti, A Westwood, S Macauley, S Smith — P Chamock (sub C Lightfool, 88), G Whalley (sub S Carley, 69), D Murphy (sub S Johnson, 86) — C Little, D Adeolds, M Rivers

can pay for replacements." All in all,



Smith: Wembley winner

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Monarchs suffer heavy rout

LONDON Monarchs confirmed their status as terrible travellers with another crushing defeat on Saturday, this time at the hands of Frankfurt Galaxy, 31-7 (Richard Wetherell writes). While the sheer number of points conceded is a worry, the lack of offensive output is the main concern. The Monarchs have scored 90 points in seven matches - 32 came in one game, which they still lost. That has put undue pressure on the defence.

Starting his first game for the Monarchs, Kerry Joseph. their third-string quarterback. had a miserable night. He connected with only nine of 33 passes, threw three interceptions and fumbled twice. London's points came from a 30-yard touchdown run by Ron Dickerson and Clive Allen's extra-point conver-

The Scottish Claymores. however, shook off their own offensive doldrums with a 32-20 victory in Düsseldorf against Rhein Fire. Coming back from 20-7 down in the final quarter, a touchdown from Scott Couper 15 seconds from the end clinched the win. SPEEDWAY

United States ride in for testing summer By TONY HOARE

match series 2-0, with one

ENGLAND'S international team faces its busiest summer in three years with the announcement that they are likely to take on the United States in a three-match series in the autumn. The series has been pen-

cilled in to the calendar after the strong Sweden side was forced to pull out of a planned series. It will be the second series of the summer, with England facing Australia in a three-match series, starting in

However, the United States will provide just as much stiff opposition, boasting arguably the two best riders in the world: Billy Hamill, the world champion, and Greg Hancock, the winner of the Czech grand prix last week, who will lead the side. They will also include Sam Ermolenko, the 1993 world champion. England have already an-

nounced their ten-man squad, with Gary Havelock, of Bradford, the 1992 world champion, captaining the team, who have John Louis, the former England rider, as manager. The sides last met in 1994,

when England won a three-

Yates makes his mark at 100 miles WHETHER Sean Yates, the

former Tour de France timetrial stage winner, achieves one of his season's targets to win the British 100 miles championship - is almost irrelevant (Peter Bryan writes). His victory yesterday in the Swan Velo 100 miles has already put him into the record books for setting the fastest debut time at the distance, plus event and course records. In addition, his winning time of 3hr 40min 18sec was achieved on the course near Didcot that will be used for the national championship in July.

Yates began international

professional road racing in

1981 and retired last year, but,

once back in England and

working as a self-employed

gardener, he could not resist

the attraction of time-trials,

reward has been a string of

successes, with his victory

yesterday his fourteenth of the

year so far. On this occasion,

Yates beat Gary Dighton, the

event winner in 1991, by Imin 37sec, with Eamonn Deane

taking third place, almost ten

minutes in arrears.

the moment," he said. The three matches against Australia take place at Belle Vue on July 11, Swindon on July 27 and Eastbourne on September 14. England lost to Australia in 1995, but beat them last season, 2-0 with the third match shared. which comprise his basic programme as an amateur. His

match drawn. James Easter.

the United States team man-

ager, will be looking for his

own form of revenge for that

1994 defeat, as he was in joint

charge of the England team at

the time. He resigned soon

after, to leave Louis in sole

charge. "I have a few scores I want to settle," Easter said of

his split with the England set-

Easter is confident that his

riders can win the series against England. "We have

the best riders in the world at

☐ Martin Dugard, the Eastbourne captain, suffered a broken left wrist after crashing in the home match against Belle Vue on Saturday night. Dugard, 28, the former world championship finalist, is likely to be sidelined for a month. ruling him out of the British championship final at CovenCYCLING

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Decline and fall of the house of Wigan



Christopher Irvine on

the strife dominating a place that was once

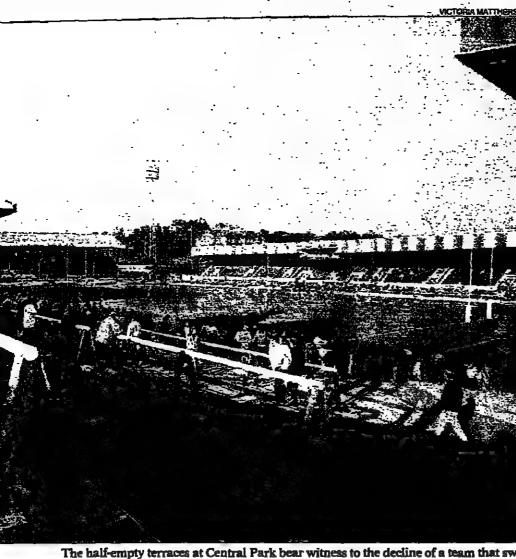
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unday afternoons in Wigan are not the same. When pottering around the garden can come before league at Central Park, something is badly amiss. A revival is in its infancy and, were Wigan to avenge two defeats by St Helens already this season at Knowsley Road tonight, maybe those supporters who have stayed away will begin to trickle back.

Maybe not. A victory at the expense of their great rivals would hardly remove the strife and bitterness at Wigan. Within two years. Central Park will be concreted over and ringing tills will replace clicking turnstiles. The ashes of Jim Sullivan, the club's legendary record pointsscorer, are among those scattered there. Soon. Sullivan Way will lead to a supermarket. It has all been too much for supporters who that their birthright has been flogged for aisles of frozen

Much of the anger is directed at Jack Robinson, the Wigan chairman. At a pizza restaurant recently. Robinson and his two young sons were accosted by taunting youths. For all that Robinson has sometimes stumbled in his handling of the £12 million sale of the ground to Tesco, he has not eserved some hurtful treatment. History records that many people involved in progress have suffered stones and insults, but have ended up being proved right." he said.

However, it was the manner in which the sale was done and the lack of a relocation package that



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The half-empty terraces at Central Park bear witness to the decline of a team that swept all before it in the late Eighties and early Nineties

had backed a multimillion pound redevelopment of Central Park were simply overlooked. Politics, pettiness and personality clashes are now conspiring to leave the world's most famous rugby league club homeless. A temporary move to Bolton Wanderers' new ground at Horwich, in 1999, might end up becoming permanent. A six-mile journey, however, is considered too far by many Wigan supporters.

The charade has had a destabilising effect on the team. according to Maurice Lindsay. who left Wigan in 1992 to become the chief executive of the Rugby Football League. They're our flagship club and

they're in trouble," he said. "There are signs of recovery, but people are surprised because Wigan were seen as the embodiment of sport-

Liverpool football side of the Seventies." The power struggle has not been edifying, nor has it done Wigan any good. They appear to have taken their eye off the ball. As the name implies. Central Park stands at the heart of the town, albeit cut off by two road schemes. Rickety and rotting in parts, it has been Wigan's home since 1902. While Wigan Athletic Football Club and Orrell Rugby Union Club are planning to share a new stadium in the town, there is apparently no room there for

Dave Whelan, the Wigan Athlet-ic chairman whose firm once sponsored the rugby league club, directed his wealth into the Robin Park site, after his proposed reof Central Park was ignored in favour of the supermarket plan. The Wigan board felt that

the terms of Whelan's proposed lease were a financial straightjacket. Whelan was as surprised as anyone by the deal done with Tesco. He is now refusing all contact with Robinson, who at least commands the support of the majority of shareholders after squeezing home in a confidence

Inevitably, perhaps, controversy dogged the vote. Robinson had prepared to stand down if he had lost. The mood at a special general meeting was generally felt to be anti-Robinson. He and Tom Rathbone, a fellow director, relied on proxy votes in the confidence motion and then hung on, after a recount, by a dozen votes to the debenture stock by which they effectively control the club.

Robinson is one of life's survivors. In March, he won a long

legal battle with the Wigan Ob-server that placed him under great personal strain. His earnest hope now is for the impasse to end and for Wigan to find a permanent new home, ideally at Robin Park. If not there, a separate stadium will probably be built in the town, although the way that Wigan are waving improved contracts - at players and bringing back Denis Betts from New Zealand next season, at a reported cost of £250,000 a year, suggests that the ground sale proceeds are already

if Wigan need reminding of how far a club can fall, they need only look at the rapid downward spiral of Widnes, who are a place off the bottom of the first division. When Robinson, an antiques wholesaler, chairman, arrived on the board, in

being spent.

1979, Wigan really were in crisis. Their influence in Wigan's rise from the second division and decade-long stranglehold on the game, which was broken only last year by St Helens, was enormous: When Wigan won the world chub challenge, in 1994, Robinson contemplated standing aside. "I would have gone on a high and, possibly, I could see the storm

clouds on the horizon, he said.
"Until that memorable night in
Brisbane, I was Central Park's
biggest fan, but I looked at that fantastic stadium and the luxurious facilities there, and I knew then that, if we wanted to prosper like Brisbane Broncos, we had a big job to do. This club has to be dragged into the next century. We're not forgetting its heritage

The storm clouds burst over

Phil Clarke left for the southern hemisphere, because winning with Wigan had become too easy. The battle to keep others out of the clutches of the Australian Rugby League (ARL), at the height of the Super League war, was costly and not entirely successful. Unless he can be persuaded, Jason Robinson is off to the ARL after Wigan's first three matches in the world club championship next month. Tieups last year with rugby union produced self-inflicted wounds, in which players returned jaded, injured, or, in Va aiga Tuigamala's case, not at all

Invincible Wigan were suddenly human. Lindsay said: "The levelling up we are now seeing is half down to the damage at Wigan and half to the transformation of other clubs. Bradford are doing what Wigan did in the Eighties. They are seeking to develop, and are using good judgment in their recruitment. Brian Smith set the

> They are our flagship club and they are in trouble'

thing rolling as coach. London are not mentioned in those terms yet. but they're a top form team and Leeds are pushing hard. What we've now got is genuine

Even Robinson concedes that the rugby is more interesting. Nobody now boards the Wigan team bus imagining that they will romp home by 20 points or more. The side operated on auto-pilot in crushing all-comers. When John Dorahy tried new methods, he lasted a season. Certain playing personalities were too strong. With a young side, Eric Hughes, four months into the job as coach, is slowly evolving a new approach. He admitted that division off the field had not helped.

Only 7,664 spectators witnessed the destruction of Castleford last Friday, half the average gate when Wigan were at the height of their powers. With St Helens now off the pace in the Super League, a rout of the old enemy tonight would at least offer a rallying point for the disaffected Wigan public.

THE TIMES

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CHANGING TIMES

MOUNTAIN BIKE RACING: CAMARADERIE CARRIES THE DAY AS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS COME TO SUSSEX

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Friends and families give event a good name THE weather was perfect, the

setting ideal and the level of sportsmanship exemplary. The fifth English Schools Cycling Association (ESCA) national mountain bike championships yesterday was one of those events that gives its sport a good name.

The opening event of the meeting at Deer's Leap Park, near East Grinstead in West Sussex, set the tone for the remainder of the day. The long-time leader in the undernines competition was overtaken in the latter stages of a three-lap race, but it was noticeable that the spectators were urging on all the riders. not just their own sons and

The age

"You've got to shout for everybody else," Mark Swift, the father of Benjamin, the eventual winner of the boys event, said. "It keeps them all encouraged. They put in as much effort, in their way, as the prosido.

There is a camaraderie among the cycling families. Jamie Harris, who came second, is a good friend of the victor. "We know eight or nine of the riders," Mark Swift said. The families live miles apart, but everyone's so friendly. You get talking and, when you meet at big nationals, you know everybody." The Swifts, who hall from



Sheffield, had slept overnight In the car, and a soft bed is not the only sacrifice that has to be made, with bikes potentially costing thousands of pounds. Dedicated parents, as in so many sports, are a vital part of an event's success, as Geoff Greenfield, the organiser and ESCA national coach, acknowledged yesterday.

"It relies on parents bring-ing them." he said, "although one or two schools, particularly in the North, bring pupils to events. This [West Sussex] is one of ESCA's weakest areas in terms of numbers (the strongest are Hamoshire. Norfolk, Yorkshire and Humbersidel and the idea of holding this event here for the next two years is to build it up.

"It is a good venue that has been made available exclusively to us for the day. The staff are very co-operative." Chris Reeson, a teacher at West Somerset Community



A competitor negotiates the testing course at the ESCA national mountain bike championships yesterday

College, in Minehead, had brought five of his students to take part, and sees mountain

biking as a sport with a growing potential in schools. We are the only school I know that has introduced it into the PE curriculum as well as running it as an after-school club," he said. "There's a lot in it as a sport, and the students can take it on out of school

"If we get the basics into them, then they can ride competitively, but safely, in their own time. And, of course, if you are not making the most of the scenery in West Somerset and Exmoor, then there's

SCHOOLS RESULTS

Under-9 girls: Anna Heritry (Mersham CP School, Ashlord) Under-9 boys: Benjamin Swift (8) Josephs RC, Shet-leich) Under-11 girls: Anna Glowinsto (Regina College, Sanderstead) Under-11 boys: Owan Jones (The Cathedral School, Cardiff) Under-13 girls: Kimberley Walsh (Ning James School, Huddersheld). Under-13 boys: Steve

something missing from your

Also missing from the event yesterday, Reeson felt, was a stronger element of interschool competition, "It would be nice to see more schools represented as schools, to see how we stand against them

Hamson (Dr. Challoners, Seaconsheld: Under-15 girls: Nicole Cooke (Bryntag Comprehensive, Sindpend) Under-15 boye: George Holland (Graveney School, London) Over-15 girls: Charlotte Heyes (Orleans Park School, Twickernam) Over-15 boye: Joseph Blackwell (Oalwood Park GS. Maidstrone)

rather than compared to clubs," he said. Those who did attend saw races in five age-groups, from under-nine to over-15, with boys and girls riding together. but in different competitions. The circuit was made progres-sively more difficult for the older age-groups. One down-hill gully, full of roots, rocks and puddles, was particularly challenging - most riders had to get off and scramble up a slippery section at the end.

Nevertheless, the St John Ambulance had to treat fewer riders than might have been expected. Rosina Arnold, holder of five national under-ll titles, was one early caller. Trying to catch up after a collision, she admitted to "trying to go too fast around a bend", and emerged ban-daged but unbowed. It takes more than a suspected broken wrist to put these young enthusiasts off their sport.

EQUESTRIANISM

Murray on song to complete victory

LUCINDA MURRAY, of Great Britain, achieved a notable victory yesterday when she won the Chubb Insurance Windsor International Horse Trials on Andy Brown's Night Flight VII. an eight-year-old mare that she sat on for the first time on Wednesday. "She's brilliant - a really class horse," Murray said after a clear round in the tense

showjumping phase.
The win -- Murray's first in a three-day event since Blenheim on Just Jeremy in 1990 came at the expense of Andrea Verdina, of Italy, on Rhymin Lion, the overnight leader, who incurred five faults at the last fence and dropped to second place. Angela Tucker, a dressage trainer and member of the horse trials selection committee, gained her best result at this level for five years when, benefiting from Polly Lyon's five faults on War Tyler, she moved up to third.

Murray, 31, who is to marry Clayton Fredericks, the Australian event rider, next month, was telephoned only last Sunday, while she was competing at Punchestown, in Ireland, with Lovell Lass, with the offer of Night Flight. Sarah Brown, the mare's usual rider. had sustained a broken arm in a fall and wanted to know if Murray would take Night Flight to Windsor.

On Saturday, revelling in the excellent going on Jonathan Warr's well-designed cross-country course, the mare was one of only nine in her section to go clear inside the time. "She was lovely, just like a little kangaroo," Murray said. For the showjumping, in which she needed a clear round to win, Murray took advice from Brown. "If she gets buzzy and starts jumping crooked, just hold on to her and don't panic," was the

Earlier, Sarah Watkin, 16, who had been considered too "out of control" across country to be selected for the Coutts. British junior championship at Windsor, cocked a snook at the selectors when she and Summerhouse Smerf comfortably won the Masterpiece (national) section, finishing the event on their dressage SCOTE.

A clear round on the crosscountry was followed by a faultless showjumping round from Watkin on her eightyear-old gelding. The performance produced a prompt response from the selectors. After receiving her prize, she learnt that she was to be one of 13 partnerships on the longlist for the junior European championships in Germany in

August

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ROWING

Radley end 16-year wait for repeat eights win

RADLEY enjoyed the most satisfying victory in the National Schools Regatta at Nottingham when they won the championship eights for the first time in 16 years in what is their 150th anniversary year.

They overcame the set-back of having lost Harvey Goodall, their stroke, two weeks ago when he blacked out while stroking the Great Britain four in Munich. "We knew we had not got the strong crew we had two weeks ago; we had to prove we could do it with seven men

and a substitute," Angus Me-Chesney, the Radley coach, St Edward's, the Schools'

Head winners, led to 900 metres, closely accompanied by Abingdon, Radley were third, just ahead of Eton, with St Paul's and Hampton trailing. Ronan Cantwell, Radley's replacement stroke. then pushed and took the lead, but only one second covered the leading four at halfway before Radley produced a sparkling 250 metres to gain a length, their eventual winning mar-

The battle for silver and bronze saw Eton briefly hold second place before \$1 Edward's re-established themselves, and a late surge by St Paul's them bronze.

Lady Eleanor Holles maintained a five-year unbeaten run in the women's eights. Kingston Grammar, their perennial rivals, threw everything into the first 500 metres and Just led, but Holles' faster cruising speed took them away in the second 500. Kingston nearly paid the penalty for their brave start in the closing stages when Head-ington closed up fast to take bronze.

James Di-Luzio, of Mortlake, won the championship men's sculls, and the orize of a new boat which goes with it. Di-Luzio, who achieved Brit-ish selection in a double last year and is still only 16, won in Munich two weeks ago where Matthew Wells, from Northumberland, chased him Saturday. Di-Luzio and Wells left the other four finalists in their wake as they battled for supremacy. Di-Luzio edged it. cutting nearly a minute off the record in the tail-wind.

Kate Holton, of Evesham, a junior international in 1996. won the women's sculls. just holding off Frances Houghton, her former school colleague at King's. Canterbury. Houghton and Isabel Walker. from Scotland, who was fourth, are likely to row, rather than scull, for Britain this summer.

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MOTOR SPORT

Menu eyes double helping

By Mark Fogarty

ALAIN MENU, of Switzerland, showed no signs of releasing his early grip on the side Menu, who has yet to be Auto Trader British touring car championship yesterday. Even with 16 races left to be when he swept to pole position run, Menu, who has been for the ninth and tenth rounds. at Oulton Park today.

Menu, in a Williams run

Renault Laguna, was comfortably quicker than the Volvo S40 of Rickard Rydell in qualifying for both races, with Jason Plato shadowing Rydell in each session.

Rydeli wili only threaten Menu in the second race as he was relegated to the rear of the grid for a rules infringement in the first. His time was disallowed after he falled to stop in the pit-lane for a random check of his car's weight.

His exclusion elevates Plato to second on the grid alongbeaten from a front-row start. runner-up in the championship for the past three years, has already laid a firm foundation for his title bid.

Having won five of the first eight races, Menu leads Gabriele Tarquini, the 1994 champion, by 44 points with Rydell a further II behind.

The Oulton Park circuit is one of Menu's favourites, its testing layout suiting his precise driving and the sharpness of his Renault's chassis. The extent of his advantage yesterday — about threetenths of a second — suggests

that he will sprint to victory if he makes his characteristic

Behind him and Plato on the grid for the first race are Frank Biela, the defending champion, in his four-wheeldrive Audi A4, the Honda Accords of Tarquini, of Italy, and James Thompson, and the other Volvo of Kelvin Burt. For the second race, Menu

is joined on the front row by Rydell, ahead of Plato, Tarquini, Thompson, and John Bintcliffe, Biela's teammate, who recovered from a heavy crash in the first qualifying session. Will Hoy was not so lucky, destroying his Ford Mondeo but escaping without injury in a roll-over

BADMINTON

China overpower South Korea

BY RICHARD EATON

CHINA retained the Sudirman Cup with an easy 5-0 victory over South Korea in the world championships in Glasgow on Saturday.

Resistance from South Korea was significantly weaker than China had faced in the semi-finals from an Indonesia team who still hold the Thomas and Uber Cups and who believe they will win the men's doubles and women's singles titles this week.

final was the opening encounter in which Kim Dong-Moon, the Olympic champion, and Ra Kyung-Min. the Olympic silver med-al-winner, failed to repeat their group match success against Liu Yong and Ge Fei,

The key to the one-sided

the All England mixed dou-

South Korea had little chance after that and in five matches failed to win even a game, prompting criticism of the custom of completing meaningless contests when a winning lead has been established. The most notable occurrence was when China preferred Gong Zhichao, 19, in the women's singles instead of Ye Zhaoying, the world champion.

Meanwhile Dan Travers, the Scotland coach, is hoping to increase his country's allocation of players at next year's Commonwealth Games from

eight to 14. This follows Scotland's pro-motion to group two with a 3-2

victory over Australia, with Anne Gibson beating Lisa wealth champion. Travers will argue that

Scotland is now fourth in the Commonwealth rankings and ready to overtake Canada, and so its player allocation should be increased. Between now and next year

there are reasons to hope for further improvement from Scotland. Lottery funding is about to enable more Scotland players to go to world grand prix tournaments, providing unrivalled preparation and experience for the Games in Kuala Lumpur, and with the prospect of improvements for several players in their world rankings.

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Chelsea seeking to reap profit at home and away

The night before Chelsea picked up the FA Cup, the club's management was toasting its own personal victory — the purchase of a travel agent as the final piece in its business set. The £2.3 million deal for EDT, which runs seven travel agents in London, would seem a dangerously confident move to make before knowing if there would be any Cup Winners' Cup matches to arrange travel

To Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, though, the club aiready has enough faraway fans to keep the travel agents in business, even without an extra stint in Europe. Together with the 160-room hotel and four restaurants opening inside its stadium in December. the travel agent would slot in to turn Chelsea into the complete leisure machine.

Chelsea Village is only too ware that, as far as assets go, its players come way down the league. Its jewel is the diversity of its fans - matched only by the deepness of their pockets. Stamford Bridge sits in one of the most expensive areas in London and draws supporters from across the capital and beyond. It draws 200 supporters for each match from Scandinavia alone. Stockbrokers, families and regular supporters will pay up to £887 for the most expensive season tickets in Great Britain.

Not content with this, a further 60,000 have parted with £25 each to become members and, in the past six weeks alone, 3,500 have signed up for the Chelsea credit card. Richer members have already reserved 27 of the 56 apartments attached to the stadium, agreeing to pay between £170,000 and £750,000.



The travel agent has been brought in to capitalise on Chelsea's swelling base of overseas fans, who have followed the club's overseas players to create a formidable fan base, accounting for one in ten of the club's members. Chelsea takes this very seriously and has gone so far as to employ someone with the enviable job of flying around the world to set up affiliated supporters' clubs. These fans will come to London to see the team play. spending around £400 for the privilege. The problem is that only £20 of this is passed to Chelsea, the rest is splashed out on the London tourist market. The travel agent's mission is to mop up the rest of

their holiday money. Over the summer, the club will be drawing up package holidays that take in not just the flight to London, but a room in the Stamford Bridge hotel, meals in the Stamford Bridge restaurants and discounts at the merchandising superstore. Home supporters will be offered similar packages for overseas games, as well as being given the chance to book their holiday to Corfu through the club. If this pays off, the club should catch an extra £1 million of the money in the first year alone.

For Chelsea, this is the only

way it can move on. While its

FA Carling Premiership rivals are building larger out-oftown stadiums to accommodate more fans and bring in more gate receipts. Chelsea has chosen to stay put and go for profitability over stadium size. This leaves very little room to grow through season tickets; the money must be made elsewhere.

Stamford Bridge will have hit its limit after the new stand is complete. The capacity will be around 41,000 - any space available for more seats for Chelsea Football Club has been gobbled up by the expansion of Chelsea, the village.

The stock market, meanwhile, laps it up. Chelsea Village is already categorised as a property company with a sideline interest in football, and the more money it can make from relatively steady markets, such as tourism, the higher its shares will be pushed. Analysts expect the tourism income to help profits to surge from £400,000 to £5 million next season. To Alan Shaw, a company

director, the moves will create the Chelsea that Matthew Harding, the club's vice-chairman who died last year, enthused about three years ago - a leisure complex with so many operations other than football that its success off the pitch will sustain profits regardless of the team's success. "If the performance was not

there, the hotels would still run, the restaurants would still open and the travel agents would still be operating," Shaw said. "The performance of the team no longer underpins the success of the company, it just enhances value."

Fraser Nelson

BOWLS

Youngsters press case for change

By David Rhys Jones

THE line-up for the England trial at the New Lount club in Leicestershire yesterday revealed that the selectors were ready to experiment after finishing third behind Scotland and Ireland in the home international series last

With two exceptions, the rinks pencilled in for the series in Worthing in July looked vulnerable yesterday and the case for making further changes was forcibly put by a clutch of hungry young outsiders.

Tony Allcock, the world outdoor singles and indoor pairs champion, who has skipped his rink to ten consecutive victories at international level, steered Andy Wills, Stu-art Airey and Richard Moses to a splendid win over Gary Smith, who may lose some of his front end players.

David Ward, too, enjoyed a

profitable afternoon in the sun, and was well supported by John Rednall, Robert Newman and Gordon Charlton. who helped him to a 28-13 win over Ted Hanger, one of the 1996 skips. Those were the successes.

David Cutler, still struggling to get fit after a road accident. was beaten 31-13 by Lee Miller, John Bell went down 18-17 to a rink skipped by Rob Stanley: and Andy Thomson lost 19-16 to Danny Denison. There are so many question marks over the established

players, and so many talented challengers pressing for places, that the selection meeting this morning may take

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ATHLETICS

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(at Eden Park, Auckland)

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BASKETBALL

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RUGBY LEAGUE

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Stones Super Leegue: Brattord Bulls 42 Oktham Boars 28; London Broncos 30 Wermighon Wolves 65; Shaffield Eagles 24 Halfiax Blue Sor 49; Wigan Warnors 48 Castelord 8 First division: Featherstone Rovers 12 Whatehaven Warnors 15: Huidersheld Glents 10 Sention Lions 35; Hull 13 Keightey Cougars 12; Wakefield Trinly 35; Hull 13 Keightey Cougars 12; Wakefield Trinly 35; Hull 13; Keightey Cougars 20; Workington Town 14 Widness Vivings 30 Second division: Carlisle Border Raiders 26: Doncaster Dragons 21; Hurslett Hawks 72 Barrow Berwes 10; Prescol Perafters 16 Bettey 32; Rochdale Horness 37 York Wasps 30; BINFL NATIONAL CUP; Final: Ductiey Hill 24; Elenborough 28 (at Saford). National Junior play-off finalist Under-18: Logit East 6 West Hull 18 (both at Saford) ALLIANGE CHAMPHONSHIP; Hull Kingston Rovers 10 Leeds 32; AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (ARL): South Cusensland Crustnes 28 Sydney City 14; Gold Coast Chargers 10 Western Suburbs 26; South Sydney 28 Resears Sealers 28. AUSTRALIAN SUPER LEAGUE Adeleacte Rams 22 Camentury Bulldogs 42; Cronule Shark 32 Perth Reds 2; Bristane Bronovs 20 North Quaensland Cowboys 20

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DÜSSELDORF: World team cup: Blue group: Span bt Holland 2-1. Germany bt Seeden 2-1. Ernat: Span bt Australa 3-0. EDNEURGAL: Women's world doubles cap: Finat: N-Arandt (US) and M Bollegraf (Holl) bt R McCullen (US) and M Myago (Lepan) 6-1, 3-6, 7-5. ST POLTEN: Ben's bournament: Pinat: M Plüppafi (Uni) bt P Raiter (Aus.) 7-6, 6-2 MADRID: Women's bournament: Finat: J Novotra (C2) bt M Sales (US) 7-5, 8-1. STRASSOURG: Women's lournament:

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St. 7; 3, Teering Engineer 33, 6; 3, Teering Engineer 3, North 2, Rannes, 1 Bassa 3; Aureine 3 Nice 1, Metz 1 Ulfo C Lyon 8 Margedes 0; Paris Sant-Garman 2 Strasbourg 1, Leris G Carri O' Cannes 0 Nancy 1, AS Monaco 2 Neries 11 Montgellor 1 Guingamp 0 Leading poestione; 1, Monaco pid 38 79pts 2, Paris Sauti-Germain 38, 67; 3, Narries 38, 64 BELGIAN LEAGUE: Lokaren 3 Lommei 3; perioracm Aelst 0 Excelsion Mouscom 0; Mechelen 0 Andorfecht 2, Charleton 1 FC Bruges 3, Germinal Elveren 6 Antwerp 3, Corde Bruges 1 AA Gherit 0; RWD Molenbeak 2 Racing Harotheke 2, Standard Liège 0 Lierso 1, Recing Genk 1 St Trui-don 1

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The Radley College first VIII celebrate winning the Queen Mother's Cup at Holmepierrepont, Nottingham, during the National Schools rowing regatta on Saturday evening. Report, page 35. Photograph: Doug Marke

TODAY FOOTBALL

First division play-offs Final Crystal Palace v Shetfield Uld (at Wembley, 3 0)

FUGUY UNION

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There are two routes for the London Bikeathon: the tourist and the scenic. John Goodbody on a good day out

For the fit and the couch potato

he Flora London Marathon has been stories of British sport. over the past 20 years. Hundreds of thousands of people have taken up the challenge to run the mythical marathon distance, many for their satisfaction, others to raise money

for charities. Now, cycling is staging its own mass participation endurance event on the roads of the apital On Sunday, June 8, hundreds of people will be taking part in the London Bikeathon in aid of the Leukaemia Research Fund and there is still time to join in this. healthy and helpful event, More than a thousand entries. have already been received, but because, they will be split over two routes, there is no limit on numbers and the organisers expect around

The course of 26 miles is only a few yards short of a marathon, giving ordinary people an incentive to complete the event but without ing required in running a



be one of the most demanding of all sports. As one who has itors on the Tour de France, I have been rapt with admiration at their physical ability. They will often complete 160 miles day after day, up and down mountains and sometimes through searing heat or steady rain. It is tiring enough sitting in a vehicle, let alone on

a bicycle.

However, the Bikeathon is deliberately geared at a less exhausting approach. The distance is long enough for a proper outing for keen cyclists, but not something that needs to be approached with trepidation. Even someone with little

THE LONDON BIKEATHON ROUTES

experience of the activity should be able to take part

successfully.
Starting and finishing in Battersea Park, where there will be a carnival atmosphere with live music all day, en-trants have the choice of two routes across London. The first is the "tourist route", going east through the City and Docklands. The other is the "scenic route", which takes riders through Richmond Park to Ham Common and then back along the riverside. For the less fit, half-distances may also be cycled. Routes are being fully marshalled, with technical and medical back-up

The event - the main sponsor of which is Walkers Lite crisps — has attracted many people interested in both the convenience and pleasure of cycling. Teams have also entered, many raised by individuals, but others from companies such as Herbert Smith, the City solicitors, Railfreight and the Metropolitan Police.

Many have a personal reason for competing. Typical is Soheila Swanton, who is leading a team of seven from the Royal Free Hospital in Hampwhere she carries out research

She cycles daily from her home in Barnet to the hospital, avoiding the roads as much as possible, going through places such as Woodside Park, near Finchley, "It is lovely," she said. "Today, I saw squirrels running about as I cycled to minutes, 20 minutes less than the Underground. Born in Iran, Swanton arri-

ved in Great Britain in 1978 and later graduated from the City of London Polytechnic. She began cycling in 1983, while she was studying. "Most students are very short of income, so cycling was a natural thing for me to try," she said. "I lived in Ilford and went by bike to Aldgate most days, a return trip of 18 miles."

bike and will often spend weekends with friends cycling in the country. "You get to see places that normally you would not see," she said. "If you are walking, you only go a few miles. You see more on a bike and a mountain bike, which will take you over country paths and even tractor

You get the bug and you want to do more. If you haven't done it, you don't know how much fun it is."

As someone who last year cycled all night from Hackney to Suffolk, she should not have any trouble in completing the distance on June 8.

Nor should John Starns, the head of VT at Franestore, a Scho-based post-production company for film and television, who has finished the 53 miles of the London-to-Brighton event. Out of the 60 employees at Franestore, 28 are participating. They are spurred on by the

desire to help one of their colleagues who suffers from leukaemia, the condition which, thanks to research, has seen speciacularly successful improvements in the longterm survival of patients over



Taking part: Swanton says that "you see more on a bike — it will take you over country paths and even tractor tracks"

a mountain bike, but has been cycling since the age of five and used a machine as a boy when he was doing a paper round. In his late teens and early twenties, he did not cycle a great deal during his studies

The arrival of the moun-

kids, but had to adapt our machines by taking off the mudguards and using wide cow-horn handlebars, which helped with the leverage and balance of riding. Mountain bikes were amazing for me. They were so much lighter than the ones we had as kids and have become lighter still

North-South game

He cycles regularly at weekends near his Kent home. "It has never been purely a way of keeping fit," he said. "It is so wonderful to explore the countryside. Nearly two months ago, when the apple blossom was out, it was just an amazing sight in Kent. You can drive down a road 50 to 100

cycle down the road, you see hings you never saw before." The cyclists on June 8 may not have such a rural setting. but hopefully they will notice

parts of the capital that they have not seen before. ☐ For further information and entry forms, contact the London Bikeathon Office: 0171-405 0101.

Diagram of final position

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Michael Hills riding the winning horse at the Derby last year

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Shrehan, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

In a recent refresher, I looked at how the fifth card in a suit was often a safe discard. However, as it is such a standard thing to do, it can provide valuable information for the declarer.

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Realising that the dummy would hold four spades, West started off with his three top clubs. East overtook the jack with the queen and cashed the nine. Declarer threw a diamond and West had to find a discard. He chose the all too obvious spade.

East got off play with the jack of diamonds and declarer declarer would go down. had to come up with a plan. He had eight tricks on top and it looked as if his best chance for a ninth was a squeeze, but which squeeze? It looked to him as if West had five spades (from his discard) and three diamonds to the queen (because of East's switch to the jack). Declarer won the ace of diamonds and played three rounds of hearts. This reduced everybody to five cards and West could not keep four

spades and two diamonds. Suppose that West had discarded a low heart at trick

four. Then, declarer might have placed him with five hearts and three diamonds, in which case the winning line would be to cash three spades. Again, everyone would be

reduced to five cards and West

would not have been able to keep four hearts and two

diamonds. As the cards lie,

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WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

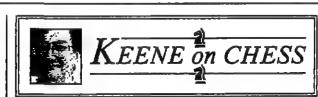
ITHYPHALLIC a. Fishy b. Rude

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a. Prophetic b. Big dice

GLYPTODON a. Scholarly mistake b. Milk tooth

c. An extinct armadillo PARCY a. Horse disease



By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Black wins

In the elite tournament in progress in Madrid, ambitious black players are proving successful with a number of sharp counter-attacking

systems.
The King's Indian Defence invites White to castle on the opposite wing from Black, with the result that slashing attack and counter-attack becomes the order of the day and in the melée Black can often

The Grunfeld Defence, which we see in the second game today, is more strategic in nature and tempts White to establish a huge pawn centre that Black then seeks to

White: San Segundo Black: Alexei Shirov Madrid, May 1997

King's Indian Defence

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12	Chris3	Qh4
13	Rg1	Bh6
14	g5	Bg7
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16	gxl6	Bh6
17	Na4	Bd7
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Black: Judit Polgar

Madrid, May 1997

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Grunfeld Defence

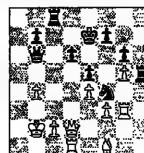
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Yilmaz -Kozul, Pula, 1997.

White's king cover has been seriously compromised by the advance of his b-pawn. How did Black make the most of this weakness in fine tactical



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[Speeches May 21]

The Home Secretary had not acted with procedural impropriety, il-legality or irrationality in deciding to issue a warrani of extradition to Hong Kong under section 12(1) of the Euradition Act 1989 having concluded that the Peoples Republic of China could be relied upon to abide by the Sino-British Joint Declaration on the Question of Hong Kong and implement the Basic Law for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region after July 1, 1997 and that consequently the returned person would receive a fair trial and not be exposed to injustice or

oppression.
The House of Lards so held in allowing an appeal by the Home Secretary against a decision by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord instice Henry and Mrs. Justice Ebsworth) (The Times October 29, 1996) to quash a warrant of extradition ordering the return of Ewaz Quayle Launder to Hong Kong at the request of the

Governor, Mr Kenneth Parker, QC and Mr James Eadle for the secretary of state: Mr David Vaughan, QC and Mr David Perry for the respon-dent; Mr Ahm Jones, QC and Mr James Lewis for the Government. of Hong Kong.:

LORD HOPE said that it was regretable that the true issues in the case were not clearly identified in argument in the Divisional Court, with the result that it was misled into deciding the case on a wrong basis. However, it would not be in the interest of interests. not be in the interests of justice for the House to decline to deal with

all the issues now.

The question whether it was unjust or oppressive to order the respondent's naturn to Hong Kong depended upon whether the Peoles Republic of China could be trusted to implement its freaty obligations to respect his fun-demental human rights, allow him a fair trial and leave it to the courts,

secretary of state and not at all with the court. The function of the court in the exercise of its super-visory jurisdiction was that of

the secretary of state's decision on the facts. His decision had had to be taken amidst an atmosphere of istrust and suspicion which a

The visible part was the framework of law. That part could be explained and analysed. The invisible part was about the hearts and mands of those who would be and infinise in those who would be essponsible for the administration of justice in Hong Kong after the handover. That was not capable of analysis. It depended, in the end, upon an exercise of judgment of a kind which lay beyond the expertise of the court.

tise of the court.
That, no doubt, was why the decision whether or not to grant the warrant of extradition had state by Parliament.

different views. On one view, which was that taken by the respondent and was supported by a substantial body of evidence rom expert witnesses, the Peoples' Republic had already demonstrated by its conduct in recent years within China that it was incapable of giving effect to the rule of law on which the Basic Law had m depend

had to depend.
On that view there was a risk. especially in a case which might be regarded as politically sensitive, that any trial would be unlair and that on conviction the executive would insist on inhuman and

The other view, which was that taken by the secretary of state, was that the Peoples' Republic had good reason to make every effort in Hong Kong to preserve the edso-ing cruminal justice system. A breakdown of the rule of law generally, or even a departure from it in some cases such as this one would be bound to have a serious, effect on confidence munity on which Hong Kong depended for its success.

timism about the future for human rights in Hong Kong after the handover, for which such careful arrangements had been made in the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law, could not be said to be investmente Par andua utina China was not necessarily a good guide to what would happen in Hong Kong after the transfer of

whether in taking his decision the secretary of state had asked him-self the right question or whether he fettered his discretion by asking himself the wrong one.

That issue had been obscured before the Divisional Court. There was no doubt that if, as had been suggested then, the secretary of state had regarded himself as bound by the Cabiner's judgment that China would comply with its treaty obligations and on that ground gave no further consideration to the respondent's arguments he would have failed to

direct himself property.

But his Lordship was satisfied that was not what he did. The evidence showed that he took his own decision after considering all the representation which had been made to him.
On the question whether the

Specialty protection requirements said down in section 649 of the Extradition Act were satisfied, his Lordship said that it had been reasonable to conclude that, in accordance with the fundamental nhicy which had been enshrined in the Basic Law, the prohibitions which were needed to ensure that the respondent would not be surrendered to the Peoples' Republic would be in place on and after July J. 1997.

On the question whether the respondent's arrest on his arrival from Berlin was an infringement of his right of freedom of move-ment under article 48 of the EC Treaty his Lordship concluded that the decision in R v Governor of Pensonville Prison, Ex parte Bundlong: R v Governor of Holloway Prison, Exparte Kember [1979] I VLR 1110) that the relevant provisions of the EC Treaty did not apply to extradition cases at all dicated that the respondent's argument under the Europea Convention on Human Pichts were directly relevant to the remedy which he sought by way of judicial review.

The first was the argument that the rights which would be put at risk if he were returned to Hong Kong were his rights under the Convention and the second was annik account of the argument that extradition to Hong Kong would be a breach of the Convention.

It was often said that while the Convention might influence the common law it did not bind the executive. That was so, but the whole context of the dialogue the respondent had been the risk of an interference with the respon-dent's human rights. That in itself was a ground for subjecting the decisions to the most anxious If the respondent was to have an

effective remedy against a decision which was flawed because the decision maker had misdirected himself on the Convention which he himself said he took into account it was surely right to examine the substance of the

The ordinary principles of ju-dicial review permitted that ap-proach because it was to the rationality and legality of the decisions and not to some independent remedy that the argument was directed.

However, the argument under the Convention raised points which his Lordship had already dealt with and no new points of substance were raised. A reasonable secretary of state could, on the material available to him, have concluded that the concerns which were indicated by China's actions were not such as to give rise to a serious risk of injustice or oppression in the respondent's case.

Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Steyn, Lord Clyde and Lord Hutton agreed.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Titmus Sainer Dechert; Crown

Benefit linked to bodily functions

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Cockbarn v Chief Adjudication Officer Secretary of State for Social

Security v Fairey Before Lord Goff of Chieveley. Lord Mustill Lord Slynn of Had-ley. Lord Hope of Craighead and

Lord Clyde |Speeches May 21| The extra work involved in dealing with laundry soiled as a result of

ncontinence was not "attention . . in connection with" a bodily function within section 6-1(2)(a) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 so as to qualify for a day attendance all However, the provision of an nerpreter skilled in the use of sign

language to enable a deaf person to carry out a reasonable degree of social activity could be included in the aggregate of attention required by that person for the purposes of a claim for a disability living al-lowance under section 72(1)(b)(i) of the 1992 Act, the language of which, so far as relevant, was the same as section 64(2)(a). The House of Lords so held

Dismissing by a majority, Lord Styrm dissenting, an appeal by Mrs Gladys Cockburn against the decision of the Court of Appea (Lord Justice Buller-Sloss, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Thorpe) (The Times July 30, 1996) upholding a social security commissioner's refusal to grant her an attendance allowand

(2) Dismissing the secretary of state's appeal against the decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas; Lord Justice Hobbouse dissenting) (The Times June 22, 1995) upholding a commissioner's decision to include the use of an interpreter for social activities when calculating a claim for a disability living allowance by Miss Rebecca Fairey, also known as Halfiday, as from her statement

birthday. Mrs Cockburn, who was over 65

Before Lord Browne-Wilkinson.

and suffered from severe arthritis, which restricted the movement of her arms and legs. As a result she had to rely on her daughter to wash clothes and sheets sailed as a result of the incontinence. She had since been awarded an attendance allowance on other grounds.

Miss Fainey, who was born deal, could not communicate effectively with hearing people outside her family without the assistance of an interpreter skilled in sign

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Richard McManus for the Chief Adjudication Officer and the secretary of state. Mr Richard Drab-ble, QC and Mr David Wolfe for Mrs Cockburn and Miss Fairey.

LORD SLYNN, dismissing the scretary of state's appeal in the Farrey case, said that in R v National Insurance Commissioner, Ex parte Secretary of State for Social Services ([961] 1 WLR 1017, 1023 Lord Justice Dunn had said that word "attention" stee. said that word "attention" sug-gested a service of a close and ntimate nature and that the phrase Tattention . . . in connection with ... bedily functions" involved personal contact carried out in the

esence of the disabled person. Hearing was as much a bodily function as the movement of limbs and the actions of the digestive or excretory organs. The provision of an interpreter for a deaf person provided an alternative way of fulfilling the hearing function. It had sufficiently active and close. caring, personal qualities as 10 e "attention" for the purposes of section 72(1).

Such attention had to be reasonably required both in its purpose and in its frequency. The secretary of state had contended that then was no reasonable requirement for a deaf person to have an interpreter to carry out social activities and that the section referred only to activities which were essential of

His Lordship rejected that

ably required to enable the severely disabled person as far as reasonably possible to live a normal life. He was not to be confined to doing only the things which totally deal, or blind, people could do and provided with only such attention as kept him alive in such

Social life in the sense of mixing with others, undertaking recreation and cultural activities could be part of normal life. It was not in any way unreasonable that the severely disabled person should wish to be involved in them despite his disability.

How much attention reasonably required and how fre-quently it was required were estions of fact for the adjudica ing officer.

Lord Goff, Lord Mustill, Lord Hope and Lord Clyde agreed.

LORD MUSTILL dismissing the Cockburn appeal, said that the sole question to be decided was whether the daughter's dealings with the laundry after she left the flat could be added to such relevant services as were performed for the applicant by other people when deciding whether the applicant required "frequent attention throughout the day in connection with [her] bodily functions".

Looking at section 64 as a whole, and at the purpose which it was intended to fulfil, his Lordship could not escape the conclusion that all the activities comprising the "day attendance condition" had to be performed while the other person was in attendance on the applicant: that was, in his or

Any other conclusion would shift into a tightly constrained non-contributory benefit elements of need which perhaps ought to be catered for in a properly ordered society but which did not properly belong to that particular form of

LORD HOPE said that the

tions of the person concerned. As was said in In re Woodling (1984) 1 WLR 34S, 352), the words of the section were directed primarily to those functions which the fit person normally performed for him-self. A high degree of physical intimacy was required.

The help which the applicant

received with her extra laundry was in connection with a task, such as cooking, shopping or keeping the house clean, which the fit son need not and frequently did not perform for himself. It was the kind of task which.

when several people were living together in the same family, could be done by one person for the rest of the household, the other mem-bers of which need not be present while it was being done although it was done for their benefit. It was too remote from the bodily functions which each fit

member of the household nor-mally performed for himself. In the applicant's case there was normally no one else in the house where she lived and the volume of laundry was much greater than it

would otherwise be due to her incontinence, But those features of her case, although distressing, did not alter the fundamental problem which affected that part of her claim, which was that the help which she received was not designed to assist her in the performance of her

bodily functions. The washing was done, not in her presence, but elsewhere. The best that could be said was that the need for it was a consequence of her incontinence, but that was not enough to satisfy the terms of the

Lord Clyde delivered a speech

agreeing with Lord Hope. Lord Goff delivered a speech agreeing with Lord Mustill, Lord Hope and Lord Clyde, Lord Slynn delivered a dissenting speech. Solicitors: Solicitor, Department

of Social Security: Mr David

Court will not compel shop to stay open

Co-operative Insurance Seci-ety Ltd v Argyll Stores (Holdings) Ltd

Before Lord Browns-Wilkinson, Lord Stynn of Hadley Lord Hoff-mann, Lord Flope of Craighead and Lord Clyde: Speeches May 21 The settled practice of the English courts not to grant a mandatory

The figure of Louis 10 delta 1008 the superniaries Con May 22 Co-operative dants, Argyll Stores (Holdings) Issued a writ claiming ap Ltd. from the majority judgment of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Legant and Lord Justice Roch, Lord Justice Millett dissenting (178 - These December 29, 1985; [1996] (52.286) who had allowed the appeal of the plaintiffs. Co-operative insurance Society Ltd. from Judge Maddocks, QC, sitting us a judge of the Chancery Division in

fanchester on August 1, 1995. Mr Jonathan Gaunt, QC and Mr Martin Seaward for the defer lants; Mr Peter W. Smith, QC and Mr Paul Chaisty for the plaintiffs. LORD HOFFMANN said that Argyil had decided to close their ray supermarket in the of coveraint 4(19) in their lease from Co-operative to keep the demised premises open for retail trade during the usual hours of business

Safeway was the largest shop in the centre and the greatest attrac-tion. Co-operative had invited Argyll to continue trading until a suitable assignee could be found and offered to negotiate a tempagary rent concession, but had received no answer. On May 6,

On May 22 Co-operative had study a writ claiming specific performance of the covenant and/or damages. They had issued a summons for summary Judg-ment, which, since the material

treated as the trial of the action. The judge had made an order for mages to be assessed but refused to order specific performance. He had said that there was on the authorities a settled practice that orders that would require a not be made. He had also given reasons why specific performance

would be inappropriate. There was no doubt about the existence of the settled practice: see

Braddon Towers Ltd v. Inter-national Stores Ltd (1987) I EGLR his Lordship knew, been examined by the House of Lords and it was open to Co-operative to say that it rested on inadequate grounds or had been too inflexibly applied.

The most frequent reason given for declining to order someone to carry on a business was that it would require constant super-vision by the court. It was the possibility of the court having to give an indefinite series of rulings to ensure the accordion of the order that had been regarded as un-

> enforce its order was the quasi-criminal procedure of punishment for contempt, and the use of such a heavy handed mechanism had

> undestrable consequences. There were other objections, li the terms of the court's order. reflecting the terms of the obligation, could not be precisely drawn,

> > The loss that the defendant might suffer through having to comply with the order might be far greater than the plaintiff would suffer from the contract being woken. A remedy that enabled the plaintiff to secure, in money terms, nore than the performance due to

> > could not be in the public interest

carry on business at a loss if there was any plausible alternative by which the other party could be given compensation.

The complative effect of the various reasons for it showed that the settled practice was besed on sound sense. Of course, the grant or refusal of specific performance remained a matter for the judge's discretion. There were no binding rules, but that did not mean the there could not be settled prin ciples that the courts would apply all but exceptional

The Court of Appeal had said that it was enough if the contract defined Argyll's obligation with sufficient precision to enable them to know what was necessary to

comply with the order. Even assuming that to be right, the obligation in clause 4/19) could not possibly be regarded as sufficiently precise to be capable of specific performance. There would be ample room for argument over whether Argyll were doing enough

exercised his discretion, and his order should be restored. Lord Hope agreed that the appeal should be allowed.

LORD CLYDE said that, while he should wish to reserve his opinion on the approach that might be adopted by civilian systems, he agreed that the appeal should be allowed for the reasons

Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead, Lord Hoffmann and Lord Hope of |Speeches May 21]

Regima v Wicks

"Enforcement notice" in section 179(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 meant a notice that was valid on he face and had not been quashed on appeal or judicial review.

A person who failed to comply with such a notice committed an offence under the subsection and could not contend by way of defence in the criminal proceedings that the notice was invalid for bad faith, bias or other procedural

The House of Lards dismissed an appeal by Peter Edward Wicks from the Court of Appeal, Criminal Divis Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Mantell and Mr Justice Keene) (The Times April 19, 1995; (1995) 93 LGR 377) who had dismissed his appeal against his conviction at Canterbury Cro Court (Judge Rooke, QC and a jury) on September 27, 1993.

Mr Anthony Speaight, QC and Mr Francis Macleod Matthews for Mr Wicks; Mr Richard Humphreys for the Crown.

LORD HOFFMANN said that a building owned by Mr Wicks had been damaged in storms in 1987 and 1989. He had begun to rebuild it, but the local planning authority. Thanet District Council, had said that he was producing a different building that required planning

On March 13, 1990 they had served an enforcement notice on him under section 87 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, now section 172 of the 1990 Act, as stituted by section 5(1) of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991. For convenience his Lordship

with all the provisions of the Act. Mr Wicks had appealed to the secretary of state on four of the eight grounds of appeal listed in section 174(2), but his appeal had

He had not complied with the notice, and on June II, 1992 the council had issued a summons against him alleging a breach of

He had elected to be tried on indictment. After the jury had been sworn, his counsel had told the judge that he wanted to challenge the service of the enforcement section 174(2).

He contended that the council's decision to serve it had been improper, they had not genuinely whether service of it was expedibeen motivated by immaterial considerations. He proposed to adduce evidence on those matters and submitted that they should be

Counsel for the prosecution had submitted that those grounds should have been raised by way of judicial review. At a criminal trial, a notice not quashed by the secretary of state or the court should be treated as valid.

The judge had accepted that ibmission and ruled that he would not allow the defence to question the propriety of the de-cision to issue the notice. Mr Wicks

had then changed his plea to in Bugg v Director of Public Prosecutions (1993) QB 473, 494) relating to breach of a byelaw, Lord Justice Woolf had distinguished between "substantive invalidity", where the byelaw was invalid on its face, and "procedural invalidity," where the complaint was of some impropriety in the way the byelaw had been made

Challenging validity of enforcement notice magistrates but procedural invalidity could not

Mr Speaight attacked the principle formulated in Bugg. Having examined the authorities, his Lordship thought there was considerable force in his criticisms, although it was not necessary to express any concluded opinion on the application of the principle to

for the sake of argument to accept Mr Speaight's submission that there was a wide right for anyone prosecuted under a local byelaw to challenge its validity, he could not agree that that right could be extrapolated to enable a defendant to challenge the vires of every act done under statutory authority if its validity formed part of the prosecution's case or its invalidity would constitute a defence

No such generalisation was ssible. The question must de pend entirely on the construction of the statute under which the prosecution was brought.

What was meant by "enforcement notice" in section 179(1)? Did it mean a notice that was not liable to be quashed on any of the standard grounds in public law, or did it mean a notice issued by the planning authority that complied with the formal requirements of the Act and had not actually been

quashed on appeal or judicial When one examined Part VII of the 1990 Act, the scheme of

enforcement of planning control

that it exhibited and the history of its provisions, one was driven to conclude that "enforcement notice" meant a notice issued by the planning authority that was formally valid and had not been

LORD NICHOLLS, agreeing, said that he was not persuaded that, for the purpose of affording a defence to a criminal charge, there was a distinction as suggested in Bugg or, if there was, that the boundary line was as there suggested, with the availability of a defence depending, for instance, on whether the invalidity was

The questions raised by the reaching in their importance. They involved more basic issues than those canvassed on the present

Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Jauncey and Lord Hope agreed with Lord Nicholls and Lord

Solicitors: S. J. Burton & Co. Cliftonville; Sharpe Pritchard for Mr Peter W. Borley, Margate.

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No criticism could be made of the way in which the judge had

given by Lord Hoffmann.

Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Shyon agreed with Lord Solicitors

stantive invalidity could be Dechert; Mr B. K. J. Lewis, raised as a defence before the Interpreting tenant's notice on landlord

Bagle Star Life Assurance Co Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Steyn, Lord Hoffmann and Lord

Speeches May 21] Where a tenant served a notice under a break clause in a lease its purpose was clearly to inform the landlord, who had the knowledge of the provisions of the lease, that the tenant intended, under those provisions, to determine the lease. Such a notice, together with the ease, had to be given the ordinary meaning and approached objec-tively to determine how a reasonable recipient of the notice would have understood it and whether he was clear that the rights reserved by the lease were being exercised. The House of Lords so held by a majority, Lord Goff and Lord Jauncey dissenting, allowing an appeal by the tenant, Mannai

Investment Co Ltd. from the Court

of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse.

Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice

Hobhouse) (The Times July 19.

1995; [1995] I WLR 1508]. The court allowed an appeal by the landlord. Eagle Star Life Assurance Co Ltd, from a decision dated November 16, 1994 of Judge Rich, QC, who, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division, had declared, on an originating sum-mons by the tenant, that on the true construction of the two leases made between the parties, under which premises at 98/99 Jermyn Street, London, were held by the the tenant the terms granted by the leases would determine on the last

the first moment of January 13. Mr John Cherryman, QC and Mr Kenneth Munro for the tenant: Mr Nicholas Patten, QC and Mr

Thomas Leech for the landlord.

moment of January 12, 1995, being

LORD GOFF, dissenting, said that it was correct in principle that a notice under a clause which gave the right to determine the lease conformed to the specification in

Such specification was conained in a document which had been agreed between the parties. ments with which the notice must comply if it was to achieve the desired effect. In the instant case, the notice

must (i) be not less than six

months, (ii) be in writing, (iii) be served on the landlord or its solicitors, (iv) expire on the third anniversary of the term commencement date. It was plain that fulfilment of all four of those requirements was essential.

It was with the fourth requirement that the House was concerned; and it was well established that that required that the notice should be so expressed as to expire on the relevant date: P. Phipps and Co (Northampton and Towcester

Breweries) Ltd v Rogers [1925] I KB 14. ZI) and Gardner v Ingram

(1889) 61 LT 729, 730L LORD STEYN said that the demised premises under two leases, both dated March II. 1992. consisted of office premises and car parking space in Jermyn Street. The premises were to be held "For the term of 10 years subject to the provisions of clause 7(13) hereof from and including January 13,

Clause 7(13) of each lease pro-

vided: The tenant may by serving

not less than six months notice in

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the third anniversary of the term Under each lease the term granted included January 13 as the 7(13) was not defined in either lease. But it was common ground that by reason of the words "from and including January 13, 1992" it was that date.

By two letters dated June 24. 1994, and served on the landlord more than six months before January 13, 1995 the tenant gave notice to the landlord in respect of each lease as follows: "Purs clause 7(13) of the lease we as tenant hereby give notice to you to determine the lease on January 12,

The question of the construction

by holding that the notices were effective to determine the leases. The reasons for that were: I After providing for the form of the notice, "in writing", its dura-tion, "not less than six months", and service, "on the landord or its solicitors", the only words in clause 7(13) relevant to the content of the notice were "notice to expire on the third anniversary of the term

have any customary meaning in a acclinical sense. 2 The construction of the notices had to be approached objectively. The issue was how a reasonable recipient would have understood the notices. And in considering that question the notices had to be construed taking into account the relevant objective contextual scene compare Reardon Smith Line Ltd v Yngvar Hansen-Tangun (1976) 1

WLR 989.

this lease". Those words did not

of the purpose of a notice under the break clause. It served one purpose only: to inform the landlord that the tenant had decided to deterthe right reserved. That purpose had to be relevant to the construction and validity of the notice. Prima facie one would expect that if a notice unambiguously con-

3 It was important not to lose cight

material errors which would not

4 There was no justification for placing notices under a break clause in leases in a unique category. Making due allowance contextual differences, such notices belonged to the general class of unilateral notices served under contractual right reserved for example, notices to quit, notices to determine licences and notices to complete. To those might be added notices under charterparties and contracts of affreightment.

Even if such notices under contractual rights reserved con tained errors they might be valid if they were "sufficiently clear and unambiguous to leave a reason able recipient in no reasonable doubt as to how and when they are intended to operate": Delta Vale Properties Ltd v Mills [1990] WLR 445, 454); see also Carradine Properties Ltd v Aslam (1976) WLR 442, 444). That test pos tulated that the reasonable recipi ent was left in no doubt that the right reserved was being exercised It acknowledged the importance of such notices. The application of that test was principled and could not cause any injustice to a recipient of the notice.

5 Crediting a reasonable rewith knowledge of the terms of the leases and third anniversary date (January 13), it was obvious that a reasonable recipient would have appreciated that the tenant wished to determine the leases on the third anniversary date of the leases but wrongly described it as the 12th instead of the 13th. Lord Jaunoey delivered an opin-

ion concurring with Lord Goff. Lord Hoffmann and Lord Clyde

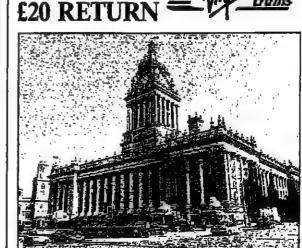
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quashed. The matters that Mr Wicks had proposed to raise at his trial had been irrelevant. While, however, he was willing

patent as distinct from latent.

Hoffmann.

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Economics no match for the new religion

tary union drawing ever closer, Britain will soon face more soul-searching over its relations with Europe. There is a widespread feeling in big business that Britain will eventually be drawn into the euro, like it or not. You might think this means that the economic case for the single currency had been won, but the reality is just the opposite. So what is it that keeps the Euro train on the rails?

The economic case has always been weak. There are gains to be had from the single currency, but comparatively small ones: mainly the saving of costs incurred in changing money and some reduction in exchange rate uncertainty.

On the other side of the ledger. there is the simultaneous loss of differential interest rates and exchange rate changes as instruments of economic policy. Effectively Europe will have to be managed as if it were one homogenous block. which it is not. The losses from this one-size-fits-all economic policy

this argument, namely the idea that a common European monetary policy would be better than bespoke national policies because the common policy would be run so well by those dour chaps in Frankfurt. whereas outside Germany, national monetary policies have typically been run badly. That argument now looks pretty unpersuasive, especially for Britain. We have successfully run an independent monetary policy since we left the ERM, and now that the Bank of

age its monetary affairs very well. Meanwhile, the manner of the euro's inception casts doubt that it will be managed well. It was had enough for countries to be indulging in creative accounting to try to

England sets interest rates, there is

every reason to believe that over the

medium term Britain could man-

The euro's supporters used to meet the arbitrary criteria laid have a card with which to trump down in the Maastricht treaty. These seemed to be designed to exclude the Club Med countries. Now, it looks as though Spain and Portugal will have to be in, and quite possibly Italy as well.

But the credibility of the euro has

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been further strained by the realisation that Germany's own fiscal position is so weak that it too now has to indulge in creative accounting to get its deficit down, namely revaluing the Bundesbank's gold reserves and trying to assign the resulting surplus as a reduction in the Government's delicit. This episode casts Theo Waigel, Germany's Finance-Minister, in the role of Wagner's Alberich stealing the gold from the Rhinemaidens. Is this the way a successful single currency begins? Wagner's Ring cycle, of course, begins with Das Rheingold, but it ends with Götter-



dammerung (The Twilight of the

At best, EMU is a dangerous economic experiment with little or no precedent. Yet the economic arguments seemingly cut little ice. currency is not really about economics at all. It is rather a political idea in search of an economic justification. The idea, of course, is question of whether or not a the integration of Europe into a European political union can work single political unit.

This may or may not be a good idea, but one thing about it strikes me as distinctly odd. For all the talk about the desirability of reaching this objective, we know remarkably little about how it is proposed that a unified Europe should function. Where are the blueprints for a fully functioning European political union? Where would the borders be? Would the European Parlia-ment serve as the effective democratic link between the governors and the governed for a union which stretches from the Arctic Circle to the tip of Sicily (and possibly even into North Africa), and from the Atlantic coast of Iberia into eastern Europe, (and possibly into Turkey and Russia)?

Although these issues receive little attention, they are vital to the

properly, and that is important for deciding on joining a single currency. Instead, attention is lavished on making sure we reach the destina-

tion on time. This reminds me of Marxist theory. Marx gave us an enormously detailed analysis of how the various stages of production evolved inevitably towards the socialist conclusion. The ultimate destination was Communism, a condition in which economic scarcity had been overcome by abundance and the State withered away. But quite how things functioned after this point (and what people did with all that time) was left obscure.

Not for nothing has Marxism been regarded as a religion. The eventual achievement of Communism had the same significance forits followers as Heaven for religious

believers. And the mixture of eventual perfection and present certainty rendered it possible for activists to argue that the end justifies the means, however horrible, just as it still does today for a certain sort of

religious fanatic. Perhaps this is how we should understand the single currency project. It is part of the new secular religion - Europeanism. Following the death of Socialism, this is what now fills the gap left by the decline in religious belief. The political classes, particularly if they have been weared on continental philosophy, are not content with a life whose meaning is confined to the grubby world of work and money. They need an "ism" in which they can believe. Never mind the practical difficulties or the overwhelming opposition of the common people.

This is why the economic arguments against the single currency so often fall on deaf ears. But if we are not careful, the euro may do for Europe's monetary management what the CAP has done for her

Co-op retail profit falls but sales and membership rise

By MARTIN WALLER

sharp downturn last year, the Co-operative Congress, meeting in Cardiff over the weekend, was told yesterday, de-

spite an improvement in sales.

Total trading profits from retail at the Co-op fell from £160 million to £136 million. reflecting strong competition from other retailers. Member-

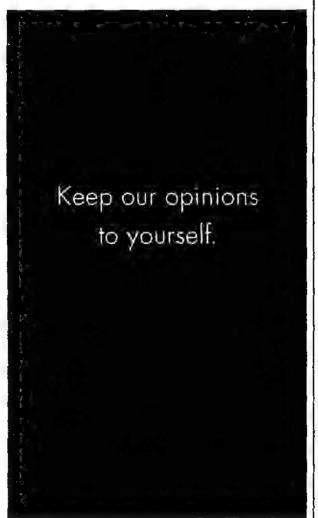
ship rose 130.000 to 9.1 million. Despite the lower profits, delegates were treated to a counterattack on the recent botched takeover bid by a company formed by Andrew Regan, the City financier, which was accompanied by suggestions that the movement was too inefficient to survive in its present form.

Lloyd Wilkinson, chief executive and general-secretary of the Co-operative Union, the umbrella organisation for the

TRADING from the Co-op's retail side, said: "In spite of some misleading comments recently about Co-operative performance, many regional and locally based societies showed healthy increases in

> Retail turnover at the Co-op reached almost £8 billion last year, with a strong surge in spending on cars, petrol and travel. Sales were up more than 2 per cent, from £7.78 billion to £7.95 billion. The Coop's food sales were held, and in non-food household items turnover was up 2 per cent. These were easily outstripped by a 9 per cent rise in travel receipts and one of 12 per cent for motors, including petrol.

> The Co-op has more than 4,500 outlets in all, retail trade being conducted through 49 independent societies and two



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Members' agencies in £730m merger

By ADAM JONES

TWO members' agencies, Murray Lawrence and Bankthe largest body representing names at Lloyd's of London. The move continues the

widespread consolidation within members' agencies, which face an uncertain future in the new Lloyd's.

Corporate capital is increas ingly dominating the market, leading to calls for an end to whereby individual names are committed to underwrit-ing on a syndicate for a year at a time only. Members' agen-cies depend on the annual joint venture, although many are attempting to diversity into other financial services.

The merged grouping will be known as Murray Law more than 1,200 will have underwriting capacity of £730 million this year.

Graham White, chairman

of Bankside, will be chairman and Tim Bruce, chief executive of Murray Lawrence, will be chief executive. Mr White said: The most important issue for names is maximum choice of ways to participate and freedom to exercise that

German insider dealing inquiry

By OLIVER AUGUST

PROSECUTORS will start an official investigation this week into Germany's largest alleged insider dealing scandal.

Employees at SAP, a computer company, are accused of selling large numbers of shares immediately after an announcement by the company last October.

They are said to have had advance knowledge of the company's worse than expected third-quarter results. With-in minutes, SAP shares plunged 23 per cent on the Frankfurt stock exchange. Investigators interviewed 71

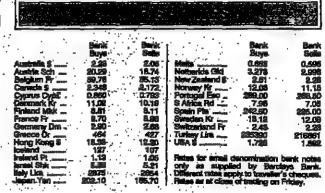
employees who were suspected of having profited from share dealings directly or through relatives. The official investigation will concentrate on four employees. Insider dealing was made

illegal in Germany in 1994. A spokesman for the financial prosecution authority said: This is probably the most serious cate we have seen here."
The maximum punishment for insider trading is five

years' imprisonment, but so her the authorides have resorted only to fines. Prankfurt is keen to compete with London as Europe's premier financial centre and its

position will be weakened as

to tolerate sharp practices.





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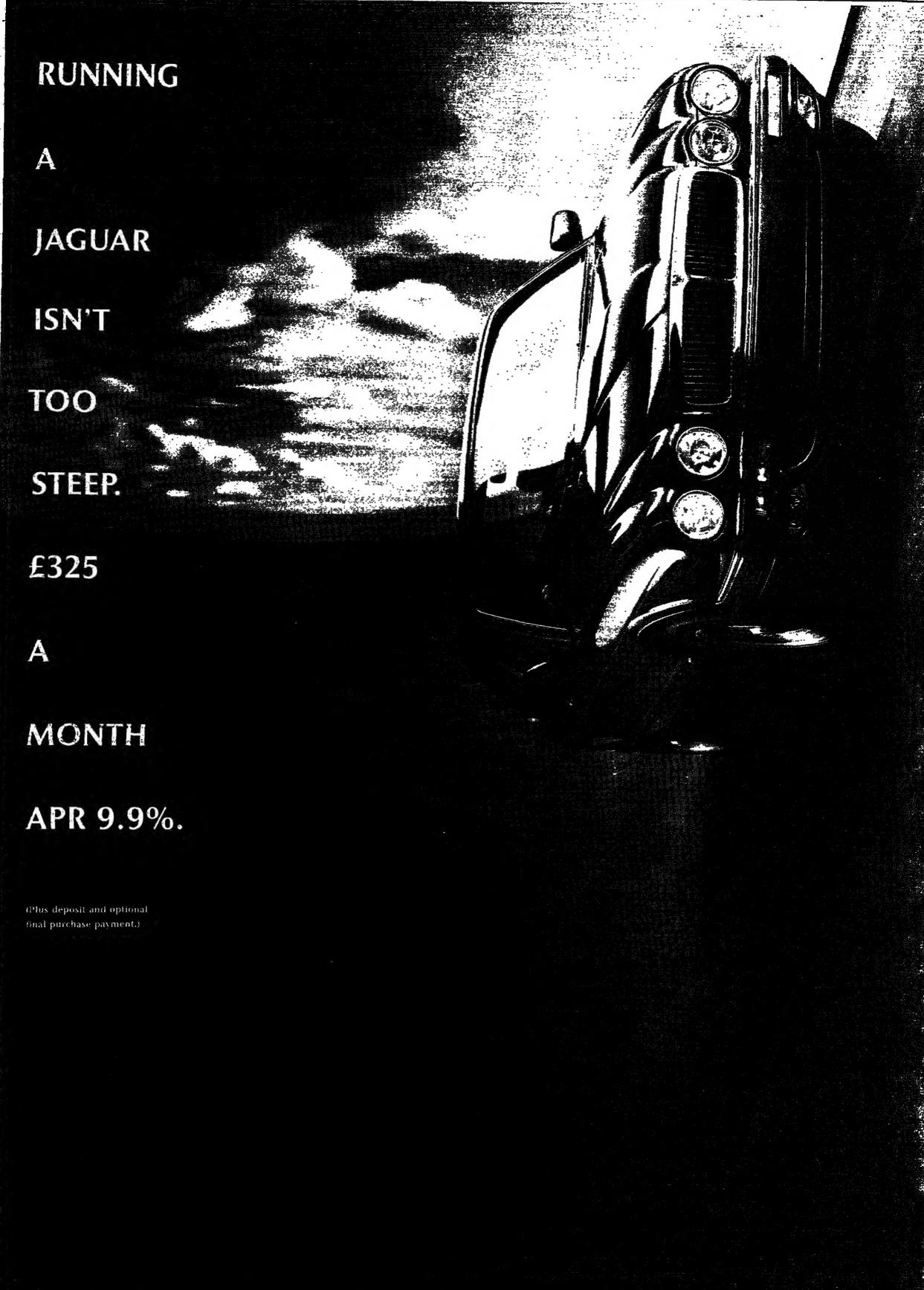
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Principled way to solve complex road problem

another confrontation with developers, the potential conflict between business and the environment comes under the spotlight once more. But while Swampy (below) and his colleagues grab the headlines, opposition to the development is drawn from a wide range of people. As Shell recently found, environmental issues now attract the attention of serious investors, and business ethics

> s the newly appointed managing direc-tor of Go-Build Ltd. I

want to see this com-

pany grow under my leadership and become once again a leading force in the construc-

tion industry. It is therefore

expected that complex and difficult situations will have to

he dealt with, one of which

regards the construction of a

new road system in Blank-

The first stage of this project has been completed

by another firm that experi-

enced a good deal of distur-

bance from environmental

protesters and a lot of inter-

est from the media. The second stage of this presti-

gious project is also likely to come under intensive protest

and this is something that we must manage carefully if

As a caring company, we are well aware of the ethical issues involved in the construction of this new road.

Environmental damage

would result from the full-

scale development of the

present site, but this project

would undoubtedly safeguard the company's future and the jobs of all our employees. As a

company that is aware of all

its stakeholders, we have a

duty to these two conflicting

groups. The question is how to

the construction of the new

road. It is important for Go-

Build Ltd to do this - first

because it offers job security

to workers who would other-

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The firm intends to bid for

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generally are being weighed up by shareholders. Contractors are faced currently with the dilemma of balancing the need to make money with the demands of environment lobbyists and community groups over plans to build a new road system in rural Blankshire. The first phase has already gone ahead, arousing fierce protests. The Government is determined that the scheme should proceed. Go-Build, a company that has

tender for the contract. How can it proceed while maintaining a high standard of business ethics? That was the question we posed in the NatWest/ The Times Business Ethics competition. OWAIN EVANS, 18, an economics undergraduate from Emmanuel College, Cambridge, won with this essay, written in the form of a company letter to the shareholders of Go-Build Ltd.



tance to take on this project might result in fewer government orders.

For these reasons, it has been tempting to put in an extremely competitive bid to ensure that it was accepted and so safeguard the future of the company. However, this approach is unsatisfactory. While it might protect jobs in the short term it is likely to damage the firm's prospects in the future. The development of the new road is bitterly op-

posed by members of the local community and by environmental protesters. Therefore, if our bid was accepted, we could expect our AGM to be disrupted and our progress on the project to be severely affected, as was seen during the building of the Newbury bypass. This would necessitate a large amount of money being spent on security, which is likely to virtually eliminate

any profit generated. As a result of these issues, I

suggest a possible solution to need to take into account not only our costs when making a bid but, if we are to act ethically, we must take into account the effects on the environment

To help us do this we have formulated a number of principles based on those of an American organisation called Ceres (The Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies). These principles are a moral code of environmental conduct for firms and include the following points that are relevant to the building of the road: ☐ 1: Information for the gen-

eral public. 2: Protection of the environment from damage when car-

3: Safe disposal of waste. 4: Environmental restora-

for the tender we have used a method known as Environ-

Obviously there are some

Our bid takes these factors into account and tries to cover these external costs. Go-Build Ltd would use this money to repair the environmental damage. We could consult with local groups and schools as to the best way to do this but possible ideas could include planting trees, the setting up of nature areas and the movement of any threatened wildlife to a new, safer location. Throughout the project we will inform the public of our plans and will act ethically by fol-

lowing the Ceres principl As a result, our bid is unlikely to be the cheapest, but we hope that the Government. when awarding the tender. will realise that, over a longer period of time, the extra resources used on protecting the money in the future.

Some opposition to the road may still exist but it should be reduced as Go-Build Ltd will have provided an answer that would certainly reduce any damage to the environment. However.

there still re-6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore, Includes Spohr (Pano Trio in Billat, Op 133); Busoni (Suite for Clarinet and String Quartet); Fauré (Cello Sonata No 1 in D minor)

9.00 Morning Collection. Cethions Young begins a survey of the Mozart piano sonatas. Includes Handel (Concerto Grosso in D minor, Op 8 No 10; Trumpet Concerto in E fait), Mozart (Plano Sonata in C. K279); Smetana (From Bohamia's Woods and Freids, Ma Vast)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Live from the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester. Mark Rowlinson's guests are the planets John Gough and Peter Seymour, and the comet player Crispian Steele-Perkins, Includes Dvolák (Overture: Carnivel); Moeran (Bank Horizay; Windmills); freighed (Sofioquy, The Soziet Ceremonies); John Stanley (Trumpet Voluntaries); Buston Orr (A John Gey Suite); Sargent (An Impression Orr a Windy Day)

12.00 Composer of the Weelc Konngold

1.00pm News; Whitsum Walkes. Live from the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester, Brian Key presents a programme of brass music featuring the Black Dyke Bend under musical director James Watson-Includes a piacs composed by Michael Ball, Conductor Yan Pascal Tonteller. Kathryn Stott, plano. Stravinsky (Suite. The Freibaid 1945); Rachmaninov (Plano Concerto No 2 in C minor); Lutoslavski (Concerto for Crichestra)

3.45 Jazz a la Lee. The second of a four-part series in mains the possibility that we will not be successful in our bid and, if not, we will be in no worse a position than at present. Our conclu-

sion, therefore is that this solution, while

country, and Go-Build Ltd would benefit from the income, which would safeguard many jobs.

What we really, really want?

To see the Spice Girls perform, you can turn to the Royal Gala on ITV after this programme. For an examination of the Spice Girls as a phenomenon stay right here as Sue Lawley and an all-female team of reporters look at the ramifications of a band that has come from nowhere and is now everywhere. Lawley herself looks at how the Spice. Girls were made and sold, while the Radio I disc. in a longer perspective by tracing it back to the Suffrageties.

Other items over the growth of tribute bands, parade a huge gathering of Spice Cirl warmabes and feature five friends who follow the groups. philosophy. The underlying question is whether the fab live are the feminists of the 1990s or marely represent a brilliant, and perhaps ephemeral, piece of marketing.

A Royal Gala

These occasions always spark a mixed reaction. The show is seldom more than a hotchpotch of artists doing their familiar turns but it is all for a good cause, and no charity has its heart more in the ight place than The Prince's Trust. The Prince of Wales will probably feel it was worth having his cheeks pecked by the Spice Girls, and even being obliged to sit through their act, in order to raise funds for helping young people. As on previous Prince's Trust bashes, the hosts, at the Opera House in Manchester, are David Frost and Joanna Lumley. If you have heard his jokes before, you can always to the Aparteriotic factories of the pro-selling of the first time sales of the called the conevening includes showings from Michael Barry-more, Phil Collins, Gary Barlow and Friends star turned shampoo saleswoman, Jennifer Aniston.

Lenny's Big Amazon Adventure

Lenny Henry braves the Amazon rainforest to complete a loose survival trilogy that has seen Joanna Lumley on a desert island and Billy Comolly in the Arctic. It makes a highly entertaining hour as well as a disturbing one, for among the jokes and the eye-rolling and the impromptu



Spice Girl wannabes (BBCL, 7.30pm)

ersonations of David Bellamy, Tommy Cooper and Charlie Drake there are serious reflections on what it is like to spend dark and lonely nights under a mosquito net with a steady din making sleep impossible. Although Henry is accompanied steep impossible. Almough ricary is accompanied for most of the time by an SAS veteran who knows all the wrinkles, and does his best to pass them on, there is no disguising the ordeal. One day, you know, I'm going to laugh at this", declares Henry in one of the regular asides to camera. At the time it is mostly the laughter of desperation and fear.

BBC1, 9_30pm.

The gorblineys: from Chigwell and their nymphomaniac neighbour are back to regale us with their shrill and vulgar humour. The new series is given a kick start with the impending release of the busbands from prison, to the delight of Tracey (Linda Robson) and dismay of Sharon (Pauline Quirke). But little else has changed. The frauline Chings, but time esse has changed. The sisters continue to bicker amicably and Dorien, gloriously played by Lesley Joseph, still pops in with details of her latest sexual conquests. Sue Teddem's script fits so snugly into the format created by Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran that fans of the show are in no danger of being short-changed. But the thought occurs that Sharon and Tracey were essentially creatures of the Thatcher years. Do Essex girls have the same resonance under new Labour? Peter Waymark

The Monday Play: Days in the Trees

Not a new play but a new adaptation, by Peter Tengel, of the orginal by Marguerine Duras. The story concerns what be might be called the other enernal triangle, involving mother, son and the son's mistress. The son is a playboy addicted to gambling, a man who knows he is failure but who also knows that he is incapable of changing. When the son and his latest woman are visited by his mother, the symbiotic nature of their relationship is exposed with all its tensions, underpained by the fact that the son's lifestyle is entirely dependent on his mother's money. The production brings together Rachel Kempson and her son Corin Redgrave as the pivotal characters while the mistress is

grave as the pivotal characters while the mistress is played by Emma Fielding. Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

At times in BST. News on the hour. 6.00cm Newsday 6.30

CLASSIC FM

4.00mm Mark Griffiths 7.00 MRs Read 9.00 Hall of Farms Hour

VIRGIN RADIO

Radio 4, 7.45pm

Bruce Chatwin Radio 3. 9.40mm

The subject of this new series wrote only six books before he died of Aids in 1989 at the age of 48. The Songlines, his fourth novel, was the first to become Songlines, his fourth novel, was the first to become a best seller. Chatwin's reputation has grown since his death but the interest has been fuelled as much by his eccentricity and his compulsion to travel as by the writing itself. Susaman Clapp, who was Chatwin's editor, presents the series and indeed is something of a literary heroise in relation to Chatwin, for it was Clapp who turned a rambling manuscript into Chatwin's first book, In Pataconia. The series amply demonstrates how Chatgonia. The series amply demonstrates how Chat-win kept his readers, and the critics, guessing by using real experiences in his fiction and inventing, or at least exaggerating, for some of his non-fiction.

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en Mark Goodier 12.00 Jo William 3.00pm. Kevis ling 6.30 Newsbeet 6.35 Justin Robertson's Mancheste Taves Mark Gooder 12.00 to William 3.00pm. Kevin Greening 5.30 Newsbeat 5.35 Justin Plobartson's Manuchester Mix 8.30 Live Music Undete 5.40 Music Live 97—Multibland Ediravaganza 11.00 What's the Story McGee? 12.00 Claire Sturgesa 4.00 Clive Warren

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5.00em Morning Reports 6.00 Breakfast Programme 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Middley with Mels 2.00pm Sport on The Footbat: Division One play-off first from Wembley, golf: the first round of the PGA Championship at Wembert; tennis: the first day of the French Open in Paris; rugby teague: coverage of the day's Super League matches 5.30 Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.35 Rugby League 9.30 Work Out 10.00 Island Line 11.00 News Extra 12.00 Alter Hours 2.00ems Up All Night

TALK RADIO

*A00em Mork Griggins 7.00 More Head 9.00 Hats of Farme Hour 19.00 Nock Balley 1.00pes Clare Schumenn Special 3.00 Jernia Catok 7.00 Newshight 7.30 Scotta 8.00 Concert. Chebriar (Espana): Aguedo (Variatione on the Fandango); Rimsky-Korsalov (Capricolo Espagnol Op 34); Ravel (Radicole Espagnole); Albertz (Asturias, Leyenda); Liszt (Finspeciale Espagnole); Laio (Symphonie Espagnole) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00em Lunichtine Concerto (r) 6.30mm Russ in Jono 10.09 Graham Dane 1.00mm Jeremy-Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00mm Randal Lee Rose

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4.15 Music Restored: Redio 3 Early Music Young Artists Showcase 1997. The countertanor Robin Bisze is accompanied on harpsichord and organ by Andrew Smith in music by Purcell, Handel and

Byrd (r) 5.00 The Music Machine. Verity Strarp follows the 5.00 The Music Mechane, verry Strarp renows are fortunes of four young composers commissioned to write new places for a quantet of musicians as part of the BBC's Talent 2000 initiative.
5.15 In Turne, with Natalia Wheen, Includes Weber (Overture: Der Preischutz); C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in E minor, Wq177); Franck (Presude, Choosin and Fusule).

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Bridgewater Heil, Manchester: Conductor Merk
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Concerto in D) 8.15 A View from Bridgewater: The
Weish poet Gillan Clarks reflects on her
experiences as poet-th-residence at the city's new
concert frestre 8.38 Concert, part two, Beethoven
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rski (Concerto for Orche Lucasewari (Loncerro for Circnesma)
3.45 Jazz a la Lee. The second of a four-part series in which Mel Hill looks at the ille and work of the singer, lyricist and composer Peggy Lee, who celebrates her 77th birthday today

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing
6.10 Farming Inday 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
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from Over Here. Former American antibassador to
London Raymond Seitz reflects on election,
lundraising 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Weets, with Times columnist
Makyn Bragg and guists
10.00 News; Dear Diary (FM). The singer and
musicologist Barb Jurg raiks shout her
experiences at a choral workshop in Malsavi
10.00 Daily Service (LW). The first of a week of
programmes marking the 1.400th anniversary of
the annival in England of St Augustine. A service
led by the Anchishop of Centerbury, Dr George.
Carey, with the Cartierbury Christ Church.
Chamber Choir. The Director of Music is Stephen
Barker

10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenne Munay, includes a quar locusing on women's contributions to the film industry. With Meera Syst and Lisa Harrow 11.30 Nothing, lan Peacock explores the concept of nothing, is it possible for someone to really know outlined.

2.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whittaker 12-25pm Brain of Britain. The nationwide general

knowledge quiz reaches the north west of England. With Robert Robinson 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clede 1.40 The World at Unio, with HUB, Jeans
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Diamonds. The second of a trilogy of
radio plays by John Peacock charting the journey
of a diamond. With Jonathan Firth and Tracy Ann

3.00 The Attention Shift, with Laurie Taylor

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7.20 The Food Programane. Natatile Wheen travels to Hong Kong, the city of her childhood, to sample the wide variety of delicacies (f).
7.45 The Monday Play. Days in the Trees. See Choice.

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9.00 When She Comes Back. The story of how the

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Jewish writer Eva Tucker and her mother escaped
from Berlin in 1939. Read by Lake Lloyd, Collean
Prendergast and Jane Whittenshaw (r)
9.30 Kaleldoscope (r) 9.59 Weather:
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtimer: A Month in the Country, by
J. L. Carr. Read by Samuel West (1/8) (r)
11.00 The Heritage Cuitz. Sue MacGregor puts
questions to Denise Coffey. Christopher Cook
Philippe Gregory and Michael Schmidt (r)
11.30 Firettly Summer. Jene Casedy's dramatisation of
the novel by Masve Binchy. With David Soul and
and Arna Healy (3/6) (r)
12.00 News Incl. 12.27 am approx Weather
12.30 am Late Book: A White Merc with Fins, by
James Hawes. Bead by Michael Sheen (6/8)
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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 37 THYPHALLIC

(b) Obscene, impure, indecent, with an erect phallus. From the phallus carried in Bacchie festivals and worn by the Satyr chorus in ancient comedy. From the Greek. (a) Gifted with the power of prophecy, prophetic. From the Latin fatum Fate + die — weak root of die-ere to speak. Carlyle (1857): "The fatidical fury spreads wider and wider."

(c) An extinct South American quadruped allied to the armadillo. The ending odon was inferred from the oblique cases. However, ordinary rules for the formation and latinization of Greek compounds suggest the nominative should

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The past is a much-visited foreign country

we do it especially well, to the point where I am surprised it has never been a specialist subject on Mastermind. Weekend exam-ples of this passion for nostalgia ranged from the daft adventures of a replica boat to the absurd ses of three ordinary people hooked on television sitcoms.

Quite the most extraordinary case was that of the sitcoms. Channel 4 gave over almost the whole of its evening schedules on Saturday and Sunday to Sitcom Weekend, most of which I resolute ly refused to watch. But Luvyly Jubbly, a documentary about sitcom junkies, was the funniest thing on television for months.

Funny, that is, if you did not take to worrying about the people it featured. There was Margaret Caine, aged 60, a dedicated fan of Are You Being Served? in general and John Inman in particular.

iving in the past is not "He's what I call a golden star," think not, though the trend away exclusively a British trait but she said. "I can't imagine life from narration in documentaries without him.

Caine makes cakes and travels to various venues where Imman is playing music-hall gigs to present said cakes to her hero. They are of course fruit cakes. Mr Caine travels in his wife's wake, wearing an expression which is standard issue for all consorts: long-suffer-

ing benevolence. Leon Platt, aged 67, has not done badly out of his obsession with Last of the Summer Wine. Platt is a smart man, so his liking for the scruffy Compo presumably has something to do with the attraction of opposites. Platt became so en-grossed in this other persons that he is now a body double for Bill Owen, who plays Compo. Mrs Platt said the couple would soon be buying a mobile telephone, so as not to miss any calls from the programme

Is Platt a professional actor? 1

from narration in documentaries means that one screams questions at the telly without getting an answer. Luvyly Jubbly was fun, but it painted in one dimension when at least two were needed.

ark Exercison gets up at six in the morning so as not to disturb his family while he watches episodes of Steptoe and Son. He has bought all the videos and he is still buying all the videos because the crafty BBC occasionally issues the same episode with a different cover picture. I have often wondered what the reason was for that; now I know: the reason is Mark Pearson.

Pearson is no mere watcher, though. He visits the locations of Steptoe episodes, mostly in London's Kensal Rise, The yard where the Steptoes stored their wank is gone now, but Pearson will happily stare at the wall that

10.05 Master of the World (1961) Famasy

adventure with Vincent Price, Charles Bronson and Mary Webster, Directed by

12.45 Captain Ron (1992) with Kun Russell and Martin Short. A businessman and his family inherit a yacht in the Cariobean.

2.30 Rio Bravo (1959) with John Wayne, Dean Martin and Angie Dickinson. A Texas border town is under the grap of a cattle

5.05 News (T) and weather (4039510)

5.15 The West Tonight (T) (5475713)

5.20 Stay Turned (1992) with John Ritter, Pam Dawber and Jeffrey Jones A couch potato and his wife become trapped inside their television on channel 666,

where the hapless couple have just 24

hours to escape, during which time they

make guest appearances on well-known shows. Directed by Peter Hyams (63667171)

and his son visit Politiers, home to the European Park of the Moving Image;

Judith Chalmers embarks on a coach

7.00 Wish You Were Here...? Nick Owen

baron. When the baron's psychopatric brother is arrested the town comes under

slege from the tyrant's henchmen Directed by Howard Hawks (57825133)

William Witney (T) (75443084)

12.00 News (T) and weather (5650268)

12:14 pm HTV Weather (8811713)

12.15 Good Advice (r) (799336)

REVIEW



Peter Barnard

replaced it. Of one location he said: I visited this site every Saturday for 18 months just to be here. In the end I had to draw myself away as it was becoming an obsession.

Such behaviour is at least harmless and I suppose most people would say the same about sailing replica ships. The Voyage of the Matthew (BBCl. Saturday) is a new series, presented by Peter Snow of Newsnight, about the

replica of John Cabot's ship, which is, as we speak, attempting to cross

Cabot, who was actually an Italian called Giovanni Caboto. sailed out of Bristol 500 years ago in an attempt to find China. Instead he found North America. An accident, perhaps, but it was an historic achievement. Forget Columbus, he was an also-ran: though, remarkably, both Cabot and Columbus came from Genoa. But why does a great voyage 500

years ago have to be replicated now? I admire the effort: 12 shipwrights, two years, 30 tonnes of timber. These tremendous skills, this terrific resourcefulness. could surely be put to better use than re-creating that which others have already done. And the new Matthew has an

engine. Not only that, but the skipper admits that because the Matthew has a rendezvous with the Queen in Canada, he will actually

use the engine if the ship is running late. So this is a replea voyage only if you think a replica of Army Johnson's flight to Australia might involve a jet engine and steward-

esses handing out orange juice. The Matthew is carrying precious cargo, the oxygen of the replica business: publicity. Two BBC chaps are aboard with something called a laptop editor (a piece of equipment, not a blonde) and every week an RAF Nimrod will overfly the Matthew and beam up pictures for this series. 'Old 'ard. Cap'n Cabot, that ain't no alba-tross, that be a Nimrod. Plug in the sarlite transmitter.

There are occasions when the past informs the present, a truth demonstrated in a revealing edition of Corres-(BBC2, Saturday) in which Robin Denselow visited Laurent Kabila, the new President of Congo, or Zaire as it was called

last week. Denselow traced the 30year banle that Kabila has waged, spoke to fighters who confirmed that Che Guevara had trained them in the 1960s and explained how much of Kabila's struggle had been financed by gold mining.

The bizarre is never far away in a revolution and we met the new finance minister, whose first contact with Kabila came via the Internet, and the new Interior Minister, whose previous job had been chasing bail-breakers for the district attorney's office in Philadelphia. Asked about economic policy in the new Congo, the former cited, of all people, Ronald

Kabila himself was interviewed by Denselow, but revealed no philosophy. Bits of Marx, bits of this, hits of that: he said we would have to wait and see. At least he despot Mobutu, which is not to say he will be a whole lot better.

7.00am News (1) and weather (3346572) 7.10 Open a Door (r) (2584713) 7.15 Bump (r) (2533084) 7.20 Secret Lite of Toys (r) (3355220) 7.35 The Raccoons

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8.00 News (1) and weather (6871133) 8.10 Eek! the Cat (3680404) 8.15

Thundarizards (3689775) 8.20 Buried Treasure (8464355) 8.35 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (T) (3761591) 9.00 News (T) and weather (3834220) 9.05 Blue Peter (r) (T) (6198336) 9.30 Sweet Valley High (r) (5996046) 9.55 Poddington Peas (r) 3594959)

10.00 Harble Goes Bananas (1980) with Cloris Leachman and Charles Martin Smith. The freewheeling Volkswagen sets off for Rio with his new owners. En route they become involved in a plot to amuggle priceless inca artefacts out of South America. Directed by Vincent McEveety (21201)

1.30 Robin Hood (1973) Disney's erimeled version of the classic tale. Directed by Wollgang Reitherman (1) (8838775) 12.55pm News and weather (14396881) 1.05 Regional News (85230317)

1.10 Disney Vittains Dannii Minogue presents a tribute to Walt Disney's vitains past, present and future (T) (7119046)

1.50 Neighbours (1) (80779355) 2.15 Spertacus (1960) Stanley. Kubrick's Oscar-winning swords-and-sandals epic with Kirk Dougles as the rugged, rebell lous slave hero who dares to dely the might of the Roman Empire: With Tony Curtis, Jean Simmons, Laurence Olivie and Charles Laughton (T) (84411249) 5.15 Neighbours (r) (T) (6820268)

5.40 News (I) and weather (704959) 6.00 Red Nose Awards with Nick Hancock

and Zoe Ball (T) (30626) 7.00 Auntie's TV Favourities with the stars of Ballykissangel (T) (9862)

Here and Now Sie Lawley looks at the Spice Girls and the "girl power" phenomenon they have inspired (1) (539)

stock of his life (1) (8510) Leony's Big Amezon Adventure Lenny Henry is left in the heart of the Amazon jungle for nine

days (T) (32201) Birds of a Festiner The "Chigwell Two" prepare to be released (T) (35171).

10.00 Hews (T) and weather (894133) 10.20 Staggered (1994) A hapless toy sales-man celebrates his stag night in typical Sritish style by getting paralytically crunk. waking the next day to find himself stranded on a remote Scottish island weening only his birthday suit. British farce, directed by and starring Martin Clanes, with Michael Praed, Sylvia Syms

and Griff Rhys Jones (T) (1551404) 11.50 Carry on Camping (1969) The usual

Carry On tare, this time the action is
centred on a crowded camp site. With Sid
James, Bernerd Bresslaw, Kenneth
Williams, Joan Sirre, Barbara Windsor and Charles Hawtrey, Directed by Gerald

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6.00em Open University: Helping with Family Problems (8901539) 6.25 Learning for Ali (8930046) 6.50 Musical Prodigies (8471959) 7.15 See Hear Breaklast News (2581626)

7.20 Cry Danger (1951) Crime thiller with Dick Powell. Directed by Richard Parrish (2777607)

8.40 Split Second (1953) Stephen McNatly stars as an escaped convict who stambles upon a deserted town which turns out to be a nuclear testing zone Directed by Dick Powell (4535369) 10.00 Teletubbles (2960539) 10.35 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (2905046)

1.00 international Golf: PGA

12.00 Rancho Notorious (1952) Offices western with 'Arthur Kennedy. A tough cowboy seeking revenge ori the gang responsible for murdering his girlfriend trails them to a ranch run by a sultry saloon, singer (Mariene Dietrich). Directed by Fritz Lang (45220)

1.30pm International Golf: PGA
Championship Live coverage of the final
18 holes. Subsequent programmes
are subject to change (2394607) 5.30 Today's the Day (404)



7.30 Computers Don't Bite: The Beginner's Guide with Carol Vorderman. Awardwinning gardener Stephen Woodhern transforms a suburban plot with the help of a 3D computer simulator. Plus: a report on the level of computer-literacy among British teachers (1) (381)

8.00 Mr Bell Goes to Westminster Tracing the events which led to Martin Bell being elected MP for Tatton (T) (735572) 8.40 The Antiques Show Period fireplaces investment in antiques, and Titantic memorabilia (T) (400862)

9.10 Tales from the Riverbank Insight into the hunting habits and life-cycle of the elusive freshwater pike around the loughs of western ireland (408930)

9.50 Lorenzo's Oil (1992) with Nick Notte and Susan Sarandon. Based on the real-life drama of a couple who refused to accept the doctors diagnosis of their young son. Directed by George Miller (16925862)

Championship Highlights (298713) 12.25em Weather (9285263) 12.30 Learning Zone: O.U.: Behind the Mask (83992) 1.30 On Pictures and Painting (55114) 2.00 Signed Landmarks (31602)

4:00 Italia 2000 (30398) 4.30 Roya

Institute Discourse (12737) 5.30 RCN Nursing Update Unit 70 (15486)

6.00sm GMTV (4288442) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (6187220) 9.55 Cartoon Time (5525648)

Championship News from Wentworth

(35572)

6.00 Cheises Flower Show (r) (1) (308336) 6.50 Gardeners' World Take Two Gardens created in a confined space (1) (126201) 7.00 Music Live The personalities behind the BBC's Music Live 97 (7404)



Gary Barlow sings live (8.00pm)

A Royal Gala Hosted by David Frost and Joanna Lumley at Manchester's Opera House to celebrate the Prince's Trust's 21st anniversary. Included in the line-up are the Soice Girls. Gary Barlow and Freinds star Jennifer Aniston (T) (62785797)

10.20 News (T) and weather (184268) 10.30 The West Tonight Update (324930) 10.35 The west rough (1992) Unbeleiveable
Second World War spy drama with
Michael Douglas and Melanie Griffith.
Directed by David Seltzer (72257572)

1.00am Hello Again (1987) starting Shelty
Long, Judith Ivey and Gabriel Byrne.
Comic tale about the repercussions that
lollow when a spiritualist resurrects her sister one year after her death. Directed by Frank Perry (163669) 2.45 Club Nation (r) T) (959089)

3.45 God's Gift (r) (948973) 4.45 Recollections (r) (66604379) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (71176) 5.30

As HTV West except: 12.15pm-12.45 World of Wonder (799335) 1.00am War of the Worlds (2804447)

1.55 Late and Loud (2000350) 2.55 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol

3.15 Film: Laker Girls (566282) 4.50 Central Jobfinder '97 (72503718) 5.20 Asian Eye (8604263)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except:

12.15pm-12.45 (799336)

MERIDIAN As HTV West except:

12.15-12.45 Eruption! the Making of Dante's Peak (799336) 5.00am Freescreen (71176)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except: 12.15pm-12.45 A Country Practice (799336) 10.34 Anglia Air Watch (324930)

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (40775) 7.00 The Bigger Breakfast (61997) 9.00 Bewitched (9321220) 9.35 Sister, Sister (5992220) 10.05 Hangin' with Mr Cooper (3596317) 10.30 The Crystal Maze (3587336)

11.35 The Pink Panther (9096238) 12.00pm Right to Reply (88775) 12.30 Montel Williams (15317)

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5.00 5 Pump (2336) 5.30 Countdown (572) 6.00 Newyddion (180881) 6.05 Heno (544930)

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10.00 Sgorio (9336) 11.00 Planet Showblz (4152) 11.30 The Best of Benny Hill (603152) 1.05am NBA Raw (5310640)

RIE Starts: 7.00 Euro News (5163268) 9.05 The

Elephant Show (6693997) 9.35 Kenny Live (55899046) 11.00 Special Babies (2751442) 11.30 Take the High Road (2752171) 12.00 Wild Senctuaries (8068572) 12.30pm Mansion: Great Houses of Europe (4178591) .00 Cinnlinte Nuachta (53251930) 1.25 One Foot in the Grave (53276249) 1.55 Bon Voyage (20054602) 2.05 Dallas (9161881) 3.00 Live at Three (2730959) 4.00 The Nissan International Equestrian Festival (2742794) 5.00 Emmerdale (6217733) 5.30 The 5.00 Emmercale (5217/33) 5.30 The Sullivana (9848713) 6.00 The Angelus (1313510) 6.01 Six-One (4186510) 6.57 Time Out (3111355) 7.00-7.30 Nationwide (6112189) 8.00 Bellyldssangel (1660626) 9.00 The Nine O'Clock News (2748978) 9.30 Savannah (9222862) 10.25 Questions and Answers (43571336) 11.30 Wings (5673930)

CHANNEL 4

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11.35 The Pink Panther (9096238) 12.05pm California Dreams Teen comedy drama (r. (88775) 12.30 Challenge to Lassie (1949) with

Edmund Gwenn and Donald Crisp A heartbroken dog refuses to leave his master's graveside Directed by Richard Thorpe (T) (6387881) 1.55 Recing from Sandown Park Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.05, 2.35, 3.05 and 3.40 races.

Followed by **News** summary and weather 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (336) 4.30 Countdown (T) (220) 5.00 Montel Williams With Paul McKenna (T)

5.40 Sitcom Weekend Introduction

5.41 Desmond's Sifcom set in a Peckham barber shop (r) (T) (288336) An adaptation of the successful television 6.10 On the Buses (1971) with Reg Varney sitcom Stan and the rest of the male drivers feel threatened when women drivers are introduced. Directed by Harry

7.50 George and Mildred Domesiic sitcom with Brian Murphy and Yootha Joyce (r)

Booth (85399355)



Leonard Rossiter as Rigsby (8.20pm)

8,20 Rising Damp Leonard Rossiter stars as the seedy landlord, Rigsby. Rigsby is delighted when his new tenant takes up residence (r) (T) (513775)

8.50 Father Ted Christmas Special Clerical comedy (r) (T) (6243171) 10.00 Up Pompell (1970) Bawdy romp, full of innuendo, adapted from the television series with Frankie Howard. Directed by

Bob Kellett (T) (760626) 11.35 Cheers Cliff slips into decression when no one from the bar visits him in hospital (r) (T) (279688)

12.10am NBA Raw Basketball action (9646331)

1.10 NYPD Blue: Dirty Socks Simone thes to persuade a murder witness to testily before a grand jury (r) (T) (5319911) 2.10 NYPD Blue: Innuendo The squad search for a man responsible for a shooting spree (r) (T) (6368669)

3.00 Crackerjack (1938, b/w) with Tom Walls and Lilli Palmer Viritage action comedy about a latter-day Robin Hood whose directed by Albert de Courville (5415282) 4.25 Watching the Detectives Real private detectives at work (r) (T) (4/5) (5180089) 5.25-6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (6140008)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am 5 News Early (6391171)

7.30 Havakazoo (5146591) 8.00 Mr Men and Little Miss (r) (2570355) 8.05 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (6635423) 8.35 Land of the Lost (4112862) 9.00 Knight Rider

10.00 Exclusive (7610249) 10.30 Attractions (r) (8075320)

11.00 Leeza Chat show hosted by Leeza Gibbons (9742220) 11.50 Double Espresso (r) (34043510) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8066572) **12.30pm** Family Atlairs (r) (T) (4178591) 1.00 5 News Update (49494510) 1.05 Sunset

Beach (3155133) 2.00 5's Company. Live enterlainment (7677862) 3.30 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles III
FILM (1992) with Elas Koleas, Page Turco and
Stuart Wilson The pizza-loving amphi-Stuart Wilson The pizza-loving amph-

bians come to the rescue when April is thrown back in time to the year 1603 Directed by Stuart Gillard (3924404) 5.20 Anything's Possible (35932133)

5.30 100 Per Cent The game show without a 6.00 Whittie Audience participation quiz (T)

6.30 Family Affairs Chris leels left out of the celebrations (T) (9836978)



Magellan penguins (7.30pm)

7.30 Flights of Fancy: Jackass City A wildlife series on extraordinary birds begins with a look at the Jackass penguin which inhabit the Punta Tombo in the Patagonian desert (T) (9825862)

8.00 Hot Property Sandy Mitchell assists a Manchester couple who require a bigger home to grow into with their young tamily (T) (2926187)

8.30 5 News (1362882)

9.00 Revenge of the Nerds IV: Nerds in Love (1994) with Robert Carradine. Curtis Armstrong and Stephen Davies A made-for-television sequel to the stapstick reenage comedy about a group of weedy university muslitis. Directed by Jetl Kanew (90950171)

10.45 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy (1682065)

11.25 We Know Where You Live Irreverent sketch show (8528336) 11.55 Live and Dangerous Sports magazine

4.40am Prisoner: Cell Block H (4740089) 5.30-6.00 100 Per Cent (r) (2081973)

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7.00pm Superboy (3885978) 7.20 Superboy (3665220) 8.00 Final Justice (7808794) 10.00 The Outer Limits (7808794) 10.00 The Outer Limits (7887201) 11.00 tale Show with David SKY NEWS

Working news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week 8.00em Seck Home (1990) (41152) 8.00 Tom and Jerry: The Movie (1993) (75626) 10:00 Francis of Assisi (1961) (7562) 10.00 Francis of Assisi (1961) (1964) (1963) (1964) (1967) (1964) (1967) (1964) (1967) (1964) (1967) (1964) (1967)

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8.00pm Monkey Business (1931) (91291423) 7.15 Jack and the Beaustalk (1952) (93409084) 8.30 Natine (1987) (2395268) 10.00 Out for Justice (1991) (4381355) 11.35 Return from the River (Areal (1989) (720012) 1.20em Paster, Puesyool Kill Kill (1965) (62295737) 9.00pm The Philedelphia Story (1940) (37056978) 11.00 Crazy from the Heart (1991) (5050817) 12.40am The Last Run (1971) (76301766) 2.30-6.00 How the West Was Won (1962) (23503195)

SKY SPORTS 1 7.00em Goals, Goals, Goals (91882) 8.30 7.00em Goals, Goals, Goals (91882) 8.30 Pacing News (95539) 9.00 Footbal Lasque (61831) 10.20 Goals, Goals, Goals (55539) 12.00 Sports Centre Special (5884238) 8.00pm World Pool Masters (4591) 6.00 Sports Centre (9751) 6.30 Sulf Selling (1133) 7.00 Live Super Lasque (588239) 9.29 Sports Centre (642572) 9.30 Football Leadus (68734) 11.00 Sports Centre (68734) 11.00 Sports Centre see sports Centre (842572) 9.30 Footbal League (68794) 11.00 Sports Centre (90572) 11.30 Goels, Goels, Goels (41775) 1.00em Sports Centre (18840) 1.30 Super League (63911) 3.00-3.30 Sports Centre (17836)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Golf Classic (77118539) 1.30pm 12.00 Golf Classic (77116539) 1.30pms Snowboard Show (95589678) 2.00 Live Football League (95736442) 5.30 Football League (95736442) 5.30 Football Half of Farme (22213807) 6.00 Sports Unimited (95696769) 7.00 Sports Centre (95172768) 7.30 Golf Classic (18313442) 8.00 Wopmar's Golf (37068713) 1.00-11.30 Sports Unimited (37068713) 1.00-11.30 Sidt Salang (88239268)

7.30am Mountain Bike: World Cup (60045) 8.30 IndyCar: Madison Molorola 300

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The Bit (3897572) 4.00 Boon (3301171) 6.00 Stuce Forsyth's Generation Game 5.00 Sruce Forsyth's Generation Genne (6323220) 6.05 Esofichiers (6573238) 7.00 Trip A-Team (87280152) 8.35 FILM: The Fourth Protocol (22475751) 10.45 Rotten Scoundres (2768065) 1.20em Fil.M: Wolfeheed: The Legend of Robin Hood (5607292) 2.20 Shopping at Night

GRANADA PLUS 6.00am The Box (4097442) 7.00 Classic Corpnation Street (9933775) 7.30 Families (8945510) 8.00 Surprise, Surprise (1065084) 9.00 The Professionals (7074713) 10.00 Rehard and Judy Exclusive (9909607) 10.30 Dector at Large (9367539) 11.00 The Gentle Touch (8221930) 12.00 Classic Coronation Street (9341591) 12.30pm Femilies (4558751) 1.00 Crown Court (83629246) 1.30 The Good Life Guide 600822912.00 A Family at Good Life Guide (5008292) 2.00 A Family & Good Life Guide (5008292) 2.00 A Family at War (5900336) 3.00 The Gentle Touch (5197978) 4.00 Surprise, Surprise (6108713) 5.00 The Professionals (3431423) 6.00 Familien (2994171) 6.30 Classic Coronation Street (298423) 7.00 Surprise, Surprise (6256171) 8.00 The Gentle Touch (6232591) 9.00 Classic Coronation Street (9108997) 8.30 The Considerat (4553107) 10.00-11.00 The Professionals (6256463)

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12.00 Heartbroak High (4919084) 1.00pm Madison (8792268) 1.30 Sweet Valley High (499220) 2.00 Hangume (4290591) 2.30 Catiomia Dreams (3810423) 3.00 Byter Swort Valley High (3801775) **4.30** Hangtime (3807959) **5.00** Saved by the Bell (4214171) 5.30 California Disarts (3821539) 6.00 Byker Grove (3811152) 6.30 Madison (3802404) 7.00-8.00 Heartbroak High (8099355) **BRAVO** 8.00pm The New Twright Zone (4210355) 8.36 The New Twright Zone (4299852) 8.00 Monsters (3392423) 9.90 Twristed (4910713) 10.00 Tour of Duty (8098526) 11.00 Fil.Mr. Genocyber (2175442) 1.00am Starsky and Hutch (4680756) 2.00 Tour of Duty (7821911) 3.00 Fil.Mr. Connection (316029) 5.00 The May

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THE HISTORY CHANNEL Mummes (6100210) 6.00 Our Century (3039201) 7.00-8.00 Bography Wild West Week Siting Bull (1374084)

CHALLENGE TV

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UK LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living (30033423) 9.05 Gladrags and Glamour (7488713) 9.15 The Gladrags and Glamour (7488713) 9.15 The Glodon Ellioft Show (7770607) 10.05 Jerry Springer Uncul (3899274) 11.00 The Young and the Resilics (7948626) 11.50 Brookside (9162336) 12.25pm A Day in the Life Of (19262607) 12.55 Tempesh (6593292) 1.40 Robondu (6436171) 2.30 The Heat is Cin (752133) 3.00 Take a Lefter (888510) 3.30 Takeabour Cuiz (9989220) 4.05 The Jerry Springer Show (9019907) 5.05 Lingo (44304688) 6.30 Lucky Laddert (7543249) 6.00 Tip Dream of Jerume (9491930) 6.35 Ready, Steady, Cool (9178672) 7.05 Heart Alse (470423) 7.35 Brookside (6396591) 8.05 Robondu (6194094) 9.00 Fil.Nt Martie Princese (9871249) 11.30-12.00 Sex Life (5212133)

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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

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Unions press for action on jobs

UNION leaders will call today for the Government to adopt specific economic

unions from the main industrialised countries comes ahead of a European-wide push by unions for the European Union to adopt a new employment chapter in its governing treaty with the specific target of increasing jobs. It coincides with the

annual council meeting of ministers from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development being held in Paris today and tomorrow.

Helen Liddell, Treasury Financial Secretary, will lead the UK's team at the OECD meeting, and the head of the union delegation. Rodney Bickerstaffe from Unison, the UK public services union, will today press for high-quality jobs. He says: "People at work across the industrialised world are fed up with being told that they must continually make sacrifices in the name of competitiveness when they see profits soar." The OECD's Trade

Union Advisory Council is calling for macroeconomic policies that will "raise sustainable growth and employment. The OECD unions' move will be ech-oed this week by unions from across the EU, with those in the UK stepping up the pressure for an EUwide employment chapter to be part of the new European treaty that is expected to be signed at Amsterdam.

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The Patent Office, where Jodie Williams is an administrative assistant in the classification library, is moving with the times and offering advice on intellectual property through a World Wide Web site. Http://www.patent.gov.uk will provide a newcomers' guide to patents

Andersen forced to pay £23m over PFI project

By Jason Nissé

ANDERSEN Consulting, one of the multinational outsourcing groups bidding for billions of pounds of government work, was forced to pay back £23 million to the Contributions Agency to save a troubled Private Finance Initiative project, a report will reveal this week.

The figure emerges after a

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National Audit Office investigation into the long-delayed £500 million contract to computerise the National Insurance Records. The NAO will publish the findings from its investigation into the project on Thursday.

The scheme, known as NIRS II, was to have been largely completed by February, but because of hitches and contract renegotiations it will not go fully live before next February at the earliest.

Andersen won the deal to revamp the NIRS system, which is part of the Contributions Agency in Newcastle upon Tyne, two years ago. Its bid, of less than £100 million a year for seven years, was pelieved to have been about £30 million lower than that of its nearest rivals, the US groups Electronic Data Systems and Computer Sciences

Corporation. But the project was only a few months old when it first

ance and the loss of 23 US

The article accuses Fidelity.

which recently suffered seri-

ous problems in its UK brok-

ing arm, of having allowed

fund managers in 18 months.

sen had to renegotiate the deal. Ian Watmore, head of government practice at Andersen, said: "I took over the project in January last year and realised the implementation schedule was unrealistic. It is now back on track."

Instead of the whole project going live last February, only the computerisation of the payments records - covering 65 million accounts - was completed by that time. The second part, covering pen-sions, is due in October and the whole system should be up and running by

Andersen paid a penalty clause and agreed to cover the Contributions Agency's costs for a year to change the contract - a total of E23 million. However, there have been operational difficulties. The communications part of the system was unable to

handle the transfer to British

ers crashed. Andersen had used an American package with the later US summer time start. The Contributions Agency said: "Arrangements are now in hand to make sure this does not happen again."

The report comes at a potentially embarrassing time for Andersen. It is hoping that its connections with the Labour Party will stand it in good stead for future outsourcing

Andersen is bidding in competition with three other groups. Sema, Capita and BMI, for a £700 million contract from the Benefits Agency to manage the system of

referrals to doctors. Harriet Harman, Social Security Secretary, will decide in the next few weeks whether to proceed with this

Shortly after that she will decide whether to go ahead with the first part of Change, a

tracting out information technology requirements and transferring up to 30,000 staff to the private sector.

Andersen is bidding with

ICL for the Accord element of the Change programme - which will outsource the whole IT of the Benefits Agency. Its main rivals for this deal, expected to be worth more than £1.5 billion, are EDS. which is bidding with IBM, and BT, working with Bull.

the French group.

Andersen has been involved with a number of high profile problem contracts in the past, nost notably with Taurus, the Stock Exchange system that was ditched after the exchange and its member firms had spent more than £400 million, and at Wessex Health Authority, where a contract said to be costing £7 million ended up

costing at least £29 million.

British Steel tells suppliers to cut prices

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT steel costs about £200

BRITISH STEEL is pressing thousands of its suppliers across the country to cut prices as the company pushes through a massive five-year. cost-saving programme. Managers at British Steel plants are meeting suppliers - many of whom are local companies largely dependent upon the steel group for their livelihood after a series of letters that are believed to have demanded price cuts of more than 10

Suppliers are desperately trying to resist the price squeeze but British Steel, which is cutting thousands of jobs, is sticking to its demands blaming tough world prices and the strength of sterling. A spokesman for the company, said yesterday: "Large buyers of steel, such as the motor industry, put pressure on us to cut prices. As a large purchaser ourselves we: must look at how we can

reduce costs." British Steel says that it is trying to work with suppliers on potential price reductions. It is thought to be trying to encourage cuts of about 122 per cent in order to meet its own targets for plants. In section plates and commercial steel, for example, centres such as Scunthorpe and Tees-side are trying to reduce the cost of producing a tonne of steel by £25. A basic tonne of

produce. Letters have been sent by the managing directors of all British Steel's plants to suppli-ers calling for talks on cutting prices. Some preliminary talks have already taken place.

British Steel uses a lot of everyday needs for items such as grease and oil. But other suppliers, such as those that produce machinery for the plants, will be affected. It is possible the company could make some of its purchases overseas if it cannot exact the

prices it wants. More than 10,000 jobs are being cut from British Steel after the five-year cost-cutting programme was recently esca-lated to combat the damage of the strong pound. The com-pany, which employs 43,000 people in the UK, quickened its job reduction plan of 1,000 a year for five years after sterling jumped in strength late last year and continued its high value in the first few months of this year. Talks are under way with union leaders at local level over the cuts, which are expected to affect managerial staff as well as

those in production. A clearer picture of the impact of sterling on British Steel will be revealed next month when the company five da

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Halifax auction deadline today

By MARTEN WALLER

A TEAM of registrary at the cititlement to free shares. A Royal Bank of Scotland in spokesman for the Halifax Bristol will today receive the reassured them last night that last batch of notifications from while they still had to apply for those members of the Halifax Building Society who want to sell their shares ahead of next month's £12 billion floration of

the Halifax Building Society. Calls to The Times over the bank holiday weekend revealed a number of Halifax members who were concerned. at missing today's deadline. This was set for those wishing to sell their shares in the first auction, before the formal flotation on June 2.

Some members were concerned that if they missed the deadline they would lose their the shares, these would be forthcoming however late their applications arrived.

The Halifax plans further auctions on behalf of members who do not wish to retain their shares. "If you aren't going to sell them, there's no particular deadline," he said.

The RBS, as the Halifax's registrar, has arranged special deliveries with the Royal Mail over the holiday weekend. But only those opting for an immediate sale by Saturday morning can expect to be included in the first auction.

Fortune berates Fidelity for poor performance

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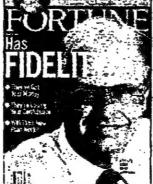
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FIDELITY, the world's largest fund management group, has come in for a withering attack

from the latest edition of Fortune, the leading American business magazine. In a cover story entitled "Has Fidelity lost it? Fortune accuses the Boston firm of "extraordinary arrogance" and complacency in its low-key response to numerous difficulties, headed by bad investment perform-

> The front page of Fortune management, with Bob Pozen

taking over from Gary Burkhead. fund managers to trade heavily for their personal accounts. It even suggests that Fidelity's analysts felt under pressure to supply some fund managers with ideas for their personal accounts. Fidelity denies this. The group, which manages \$500 billion, last month replaced its head of investment



in a letter to staff, Fidelity calls the article "biased and inaccurate". Mostly, it restricts itself to saying that similar criticisms — that it has grown too large or that it has lost key fund managers have often been made before. "We're still here, bigger and bener," writes Jim Curvey. chief operating officer. After years when most of Fidelity's investment funds beat the market, the latest

figures show 30 out of 34 funds underperforming over the three years to the end of 1996. Fortune lays much of the blame with Mr Burkhead. who "began removing whole asset classes and investment strategies from fund managers' tool boxes, often at exactly the wrong time". The article says Fidelity can

no longer focus on pure investment performance as more than half its money represents retirement savings. Leading clients prize consistency above glittering performance.

Fidelity is one of the biggest managers of unit trusts and Peps in the UK. This month, Fidelity Brokerage Services was fined £200,000 by the Securities and Futures Authority after a new computer system caused chaos for customers.

Chelsea tackles congestion

By Fraser Nelson

National Express. We've been

very frustrated with the whole

of Chelsea Football Club, is in advanced talks with National Express over building a new railway station beside Stamford Bridge, the club's stadium. The company, which will open a 160-room hatel and four restaurants in the ground this winter, is expected to pay about 5500,000 towards the station. Final details have yet to be arranged. Alan Shaw. company secretary, said: "We started discussions with British Rail three ears ago. They changed to

CHELSEA VILLAGE, owner Railtrack, then it was sold on to North London Railways. and now we're dealing with

> situation, although we're finally making progress now," He said the club was aiming to complete the station in time for the new season next year. 'We are told it would be a very easy job, and it has been suggested the whole thing would take between six and nine months. The signals are already in place - it's just a

matter of setting up the concrete," he said. The club has built a 240-

space car park to cope with match-day congestion, but is still unhappy with the stad-ium's accessibility. D Sources close to Mohamed Al Fayed, the owner of

Harrods, were refusing to confirm or deny a weekend report that he was considering buying Fulham Football Club, which is a few miles from the store and hard by

Axa in talks on Equity & Law

Aza, the French insurance group, has confirmed week end reports of talks that could lead to a takeover of Axa Equity & Law, its life ins ance subsidiary, by Sun Life and the latest of a series of mergers within the industry.
Sun Life is majority-owned by the French group, but was quoted on the London stock

market last year. Axa is known to want to rationalise its two British insurance businesses and has been seeking buyers for Equity & Law, but Any deal would be made more difficult because of the

shared ownership of the two companies, because the interests of the minority share-holders in Sun Life would have to be protected. But an Ara spokesman said: "It would be odd if Ara wasn't trying to resolve this one."

Black economy

The black economy is boom ing, and costing the Exche-quer E20 billion every year, says an unpublished report by Deloitte & Touche, the accountant, for the European Commission. It estimates that the black economy is now worth 12 per cent of Britain's gross domestic product and is equivalent to an entire year's spending on social services:

Budget plea

The Government should cut public spending but resist increasing taxes, the Institute of Directors says in its formal Budget submission. It said there was no justification for higher taxes, but the "least worst" tax-raising option would be the phased abolition of mortgage interest relief.

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